

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 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 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

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself.

From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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 As We Gather at Your Table No Reference Available**



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love’s vic - t’ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

***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.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 29:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O Lord, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.

³ “I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your | line forever,**
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’ ”

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light | of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily | in your name;**
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.

¹⁷ For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs | to the Lord;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.**

THE SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 10:40-42

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*HYMN The Church of Christ, in Every Age LBW “Green,” 433



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

***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**

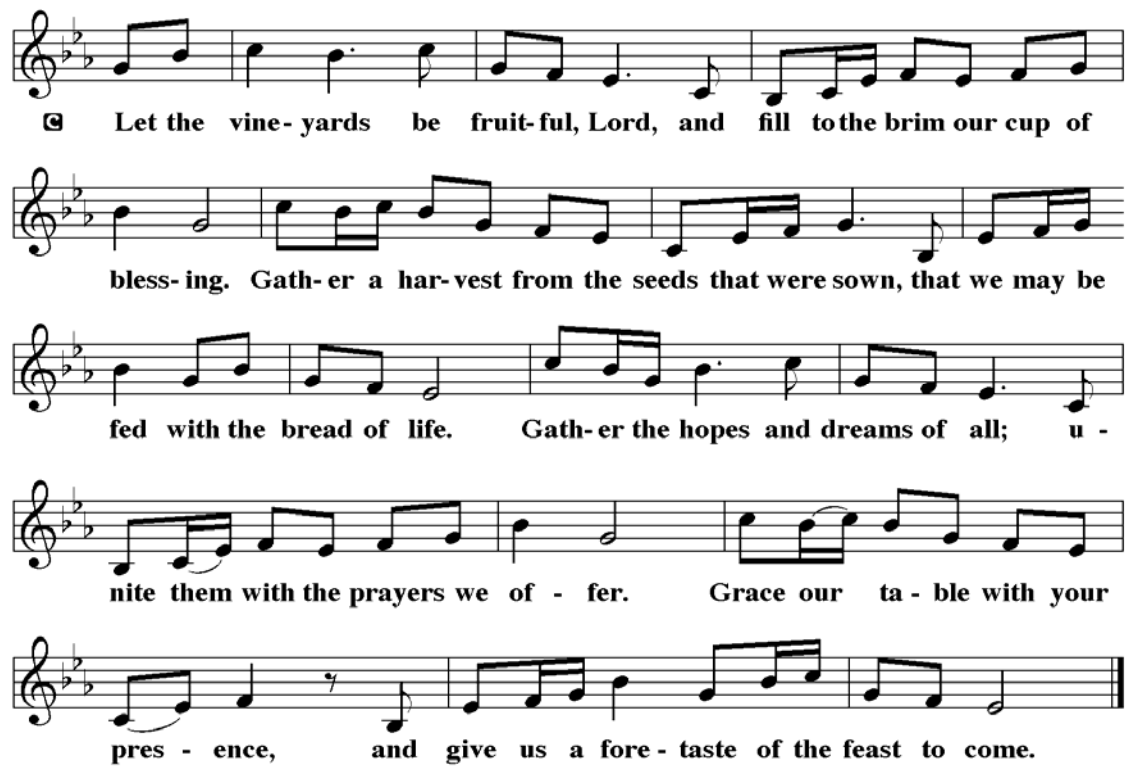
After each petition: God of Grace/Hear our prayer.

***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



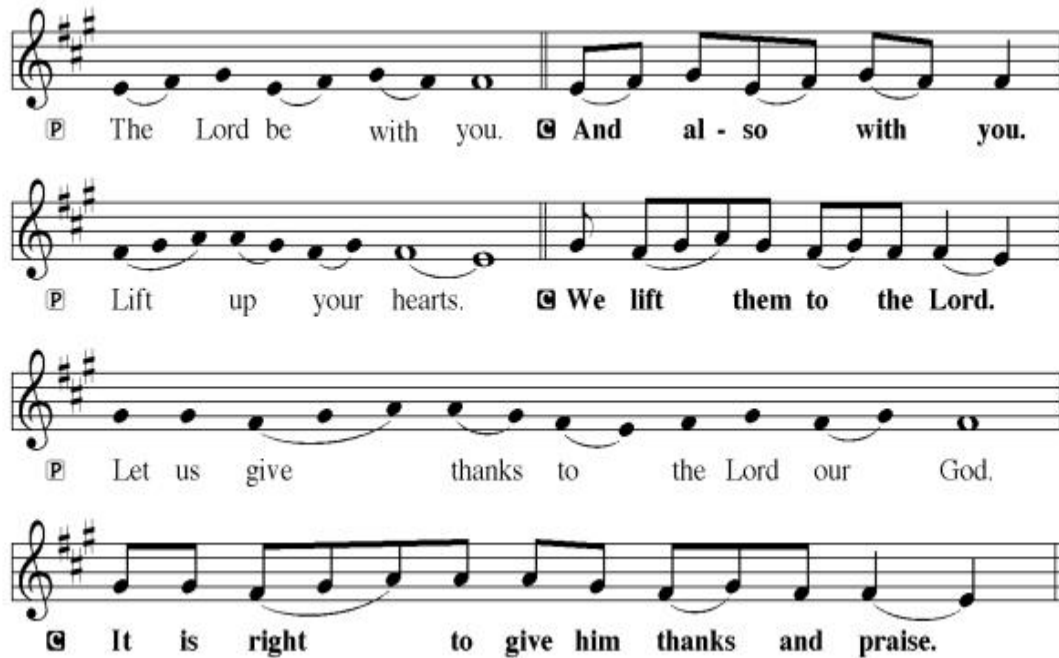
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and 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 a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The second staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The third staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: '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.'

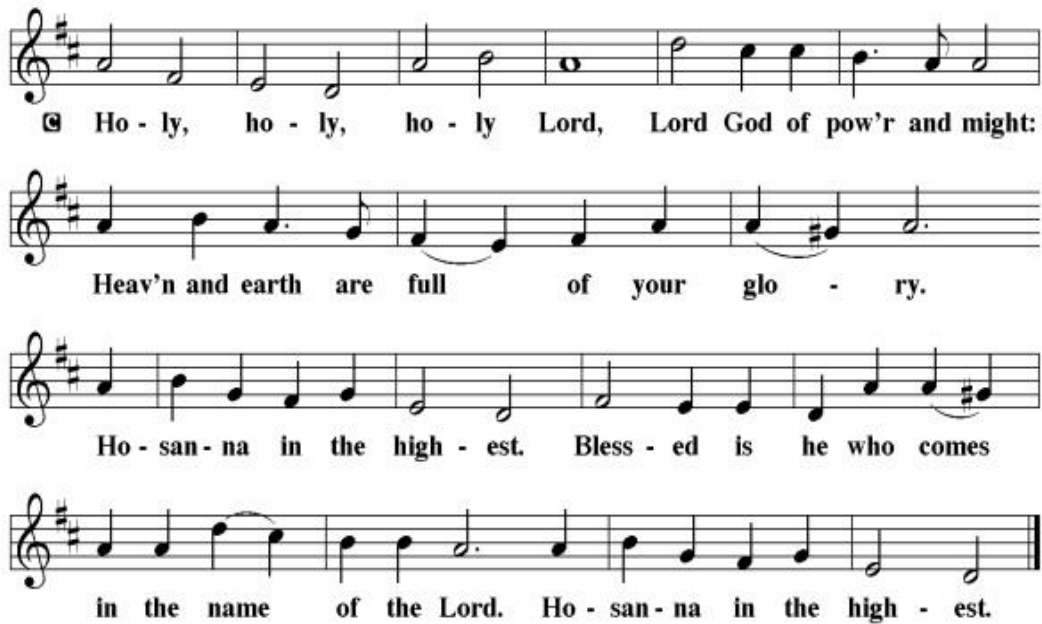
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

***HYMN Build a Longer Table No Reference Available**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

***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, and Arnoldo Torres.

COMMEMORATIONS

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

Sunday, June 28, 2026

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.



Peter and Paul, Apostles

Monday, June 29, 2026

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.



Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Neale was an English pastor who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.



Thomas, Apostle

Friday, July 3, 2026

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

- Today, June 28** **Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**
Holy Communion, 9:30 am
- Monday, June 29** **Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**
- Tuesday, June 30** **Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**
- Wednesday, July 1** **Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**
Men’s Fellowship, 6 pm
- Thursday, July 2** **Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**
- Friday, July 3** **Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**
- Saturday, July 4** **Office Closed**
- Sunday, July 5** **Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**
Holy Communion, 9:30 am

OUR STEWARDSHIP for June 21, 2026

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| Regular Offering | \$2,537.00 |
| World Hunger | 60.00 |
| Food Pantry | 50.00 |
| Global Mission | 50.00 |
| Parish Life | 20.00 |
| Flower Memorials/Tributes | 105.00 |
| Synod Benevolence | 5.00 |
| Family Promise | 50.00 |
| Grand Total | \$2,877.00 |

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In honor of Sarah and Elliot Jones' 14th Wedding Anniversary, by Sally Bjornstad;
and
In loving memory of our parents, Marion and Bill Waldeisen, by Rob, Mark,
Steve, and Wendy Hooper.

WORSHIP LEADERS for June 28, 2026

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|----------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Lector | 9:30 am | Ralph Zeigler |
| Communion Assistants | 9:30 am | Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler |
| Ushers | 9:30 am | Gary & Shelby Weber |
| Organist | | Sam Robinson |
| Altar Guild (JUNE) | | Deb Buckman & Sarah Young |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------|------|
| Drew & Vicki Haussmann | 6/28 |
| Ray & Cindy Huff | 7/3 |

BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------|------|
| George Polisak | 6/28 |
| April Clark | 6/30 |
| Cindy Todd | 6/30 |
| Phil Thomas | 7/4 |

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."



Believe it or not, practically a full year has passed since we collected kits for Lutheran World Relief. School items will go on sale this month so you can start snapping them up - remember, 70-80 sheet notebook (no composition books), pencils, blue/black pens, pencil sharpeners, erasers and a ruler with English and metric units. There is a poster in the parish hall way that shows where some items went. Directions and bags will be available the first week of August or go to lwr.org and click on “get involved”. Thanks and God bless – Deb

Family Promise - our next hosting begins on July 5. If you are willing to provide a dinner, please let me know. Remember, it does not have to be anything fancy and it can be just the ingredients for a meal as the clients have access to a complete kitchen. You can also donate to Family Promise hosting which covers the purchase of breakfast and lunch items. If you have question, email me: dabuckman65@gmail.com or call 570-323-1707. God bless for all your help - Deb



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. **Most needed is adult toothpaste.**

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are bottles of Ketchup, Mustard and

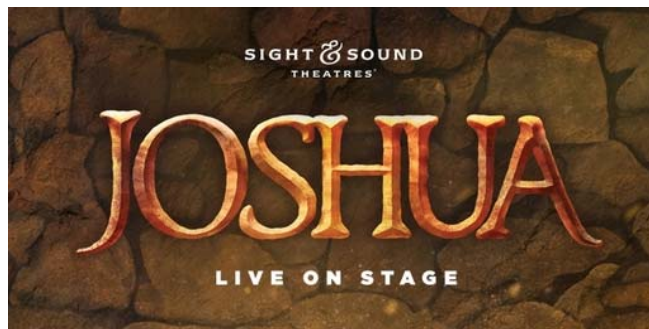
BBQ Sauce, Large, Brown Lunch Bags and Napkins.

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: The Parish Life Committee is filled with gratitude for the dozens of tuna salad and chicken salad packets donated so far this summer. They will definitely stretch our sandwich budget and add to the variety of sandwiches we can offer the folks who visit the Blessing Boxes. Thank you to all who contributed to this outreach.

Cereal Sunday Update

St. Mark's is off to a great start supporting our Cereal Sunday initiative. Our first Sunday had 40 boxes of assorted cereal donated to the United Churches Food Pantry. Our next collection date is July 12, 2026. Can we match June's quantity or possibly exceed it?



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.

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.



Young Adults in Global Mission

Hannah Haussmann has felt called to join Young Adults in Global Mission, an ELCA ministry that invites young adults ages 21-35 into a year of international service. Hannah will "walk" alongside global companions in ministries of justice, education, health and community development. Rooted in the Lutheran value of accompaniment, YAGM emphasizes mutuality, listening and transformation through relationships and countering the harms of colonial Christianity. Volunteers are shaped by the witness of their neighbors and return with a deeper understanding of God's work in the world and their own faith.

Hannah has been assigned to Cambodia. Her work at present is still unknown as that will be determined when she learns where she will be located.

An opportunity to wish her "Godspeed and best wishes" as well as chance to help finance this endeavor will take place at our church picnic (July 12, 2026).

YAGM HOW TO GIVE

YAGM VOLUNTEER & GIVING CODE: **Hannah Haussmann: GCS3621**

Your gifts to Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) make a difference!

The YAGM program provides ELCA young adults, ages 21-35, with a life-changing year of service around the world. As the volunteers walk alongside their host communities, they are transformed, engaging in relationships of mutuality, interdependence, solidarity, and trust.

Your donation to an individual YAGM helps support this program. Your gift helps make it possible for our young adults to be formed and informed by our companions and provides an opportunity for young adults to walk with our siblings in Christ around the world every year.

Make checks payable to the "ELCA" with "YAGM" on the memo line. To have your gift designated to an individual YAGM, please include their Giving Code on the memo line and send to

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Merrifield, VA
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Visit www.elca.org/yagm/give to donate with a credit card. Select a donation amount and a volunteer's name from the dropdown menu or make a general gift to YAGM.

Call **800-638-3522** to donate with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Visit www.elca.org/yagmsupport and click **Donate** on the top right of the page. Search for a YAGM by name to visit their individual Peer-to-Peer fundraising page, click **Donate Now**, and follow the giving instructions.



Dear Church Family,
Sunday, June 21 I suffered a bowel blockage which required hospitalization and treatment. Prayers and inquiries of well-being are/were greatly appreciated.
Thank you for once again sharing with me your love through the love of Jesus.
Pastor Brian Vasey

Next Sunday, July 5 Ray Huff will be preaching and presiding due to Pastor Vasey's vacation. Pastoral calls should be inquired through the church office. Thank you!!!

Pastor Vasey's Retirement Celebration

The invitations for this celebration have been sent. Thank you Ralph Zeigler and Candy Dewar for your assistance in creating the invitations and addressing more than 100 of them.

Please take a moment to learn of the details, check your calendar for your availability to attend and return your reservation by July 15, 2026. If, by chance, you did not receive an invitation, please call the church office at 570-323-4619.

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