

ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 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 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 *Enigma Variations, Nimrod* Edward Elgar

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT – Deb Buckman

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people"*

– 1 Peter 2:9

God's mercy comes to you in countless ways. Our Lord Jesus is chief among these. It is through the love and forgiveness that is ours in our Lord Jesus that we can boldly claim to be God's own people – not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done for us through his only Son.

God's mercy also comes to you in many other ways. Among these are the material possessions you enjoy. They are gifts from God, but more than this,

they are entrusted to you by God. The Bible teaches us that everything belongs to God. To be a steward is to be entrusted to care for some of what God owns in this world. That steward is you, entrusted to care for all that God has placed in your hands.

Because of God's great mercy, we marvel at all we have received. Because of God's great mercy, we think about how we will respond.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Kneel/Stand)

Silence for Reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those of you who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***HYMN For All the Saints**

LBW "Green," 174



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
 all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old;
 saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,
 your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;
 yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SINE NOMINE

***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. [I] 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. [II] 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. [III] 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. [IV] 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, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat,
¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.
² **I will glory¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice.
³ Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's¹ name together.
⁴ **I sought the LORD, who¹ answered me**
and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.
⁵ Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.
⁶ **I called in my affliction, and¹ the LORD heard me**
and saved me from¹ all my troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who¹ fear the LORD
and de-¹livers them.
⁸ **Taste and see that the¹ LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!
⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰ **The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing¹ that is good.
²² O LORD, you redeem the life¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will¹ not be punished.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him

purify themselves, just as he is pure.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)**

The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

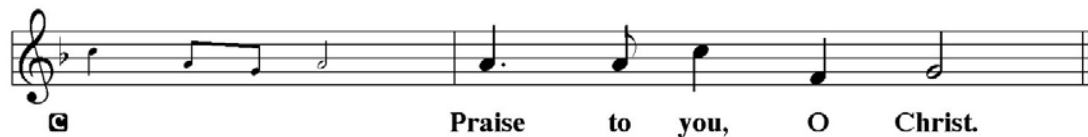
⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for

your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN** **Blest Are the Pure in Heart** **No Reference Available**

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
 4 Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give

5 se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

FRANCONIA

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us 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, in your mercy/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.

ANTHEM *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit*

Henry Hiles

*OFFERING

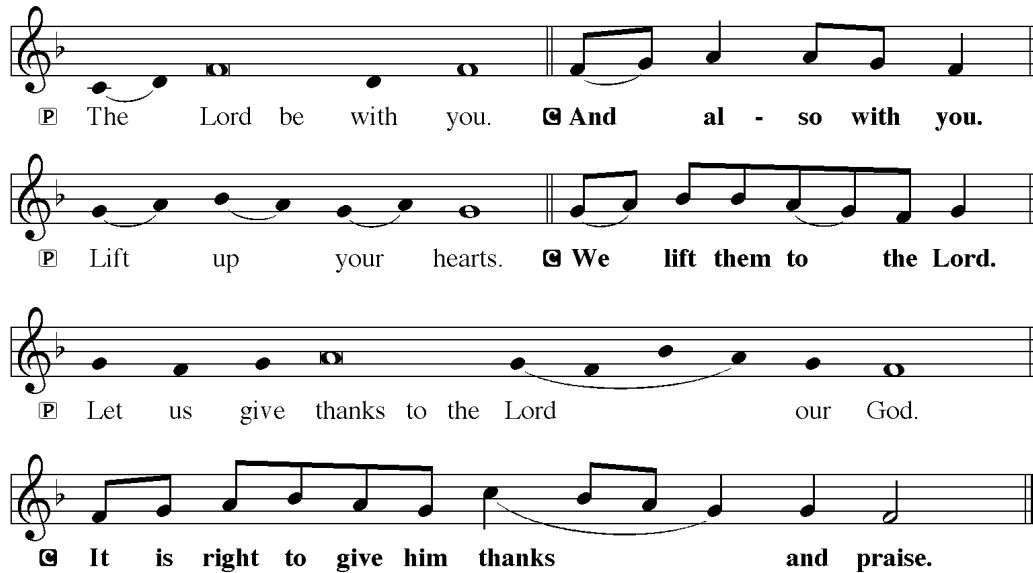


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

*OFFERING PRAYER

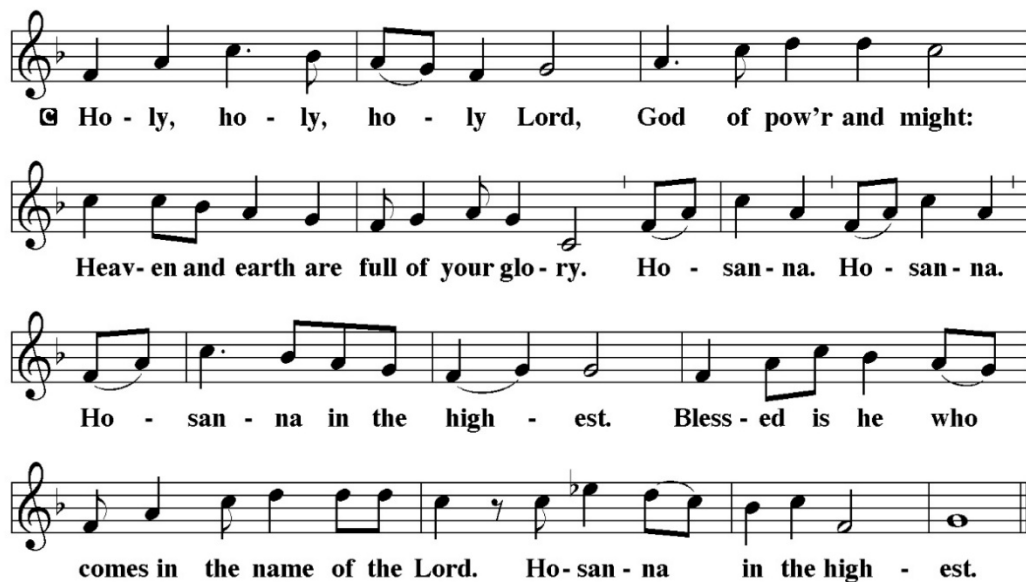
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*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, 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, 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.

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In your great love you sent to us
Jesus your Son, who reached out to
heal the sick and suffering, who
preached the good news to the poor,
and who on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This
is my body 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."

Remembering therefore,
his death, resurrection
and ascension, we await
his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
unite the wills of all who share this
heavenly food, the body and blood of
Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with whom and in whom, with you and the Holy
Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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**

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics for the first staff are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second staff continues: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third staff continues: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fourth staff concludes: "sin of the world; grant us peace." A long horizontal line is drawn under the word "grant" in the fourth staff, spanning the duration of the note.

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**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.

Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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 God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

Amen.

***HYMN Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**

No Reference Available



- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing; your
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise, send
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as



fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.



Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

VINEYARD HAVEN

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Solemn Melody*

Walford Davies

Summary: Jesus blesses the humble, merciful, pure, peacemakers.

Theme: God's blessing of the humble; the upside-down values of God's kingdom; hope amid hardship.

Music notes:

On All Saints' Day we hear the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), in which Jesus blesses the humble, the merciful, and the pure in heart, and turns the world's values upside down. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us and for the hope we share with them. Our hymns weave together the great company of saints and the blessings Jesus describes.

We begin with “For all the saints” (SINE NOMINE), the church’s grand hymn of the communion of saints, sung to the tune Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote for it in 1906. “Blest are the pure in heart” (FRANCONIA) takes up the Beatitude that promises the pure in heart will see God, and “Rejoice, ye pure in heart” (VINEYARD HAVEN) sends us out singing, joining our praise to that of the saints in a procession of rejoicing.

Our liturgy continues with “This is the Feast of Victory,” whose Revelation text of the multitude gathered before the Lamb is a fitting song for the day we remember the saints who rest from their labors.

The choir’s anthem is “Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit” by Henry Hiles, a Victorian English church musician. It is a short, four-part setting of words from the Beatitudes themselves (Matthew 5:3, 5), “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” and “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.” It sets the Gospel’s opening blessings directly in the choir’s voice, a quiet, prayerful moment at the heart of the service.

The voluntaries are two beloved English works associated with remembrance. “Nimrod” is the ninth of Edward Elgar’s Enigma Variations (1899), a musical portrait of his close friend and publisher August Jaeger. His surname is German for “hunter,” hence the title of the biblical hunter Nimrod. The music begins in hushed solemnity and builds to a noble climax, and it is often heard at occasions of remembrance and farewell. Sir Walford Davies’s “Solemn Melody” was first written in 1908 for organ and strings, and its warm, flowing tune has been widely performed at memorial observances, including on Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph in London since 1930. Davies later succeeded Elgar as Master of the King’s Music, so the two pieces share a bond as well as a mood, and together they offer a moment of quiet gratitude for the saints whose names we remember today.

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

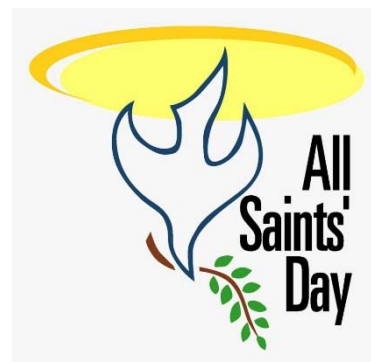
Tartline, George Poliska, Connie Shaible, John Holohan, Loretta Hawe, Donna Baker, Ann Kuntz, Ann & Charles Kuntz, Dave Williams, Bud Doebler, Shirley Hill, Ruth Osbaugh, Pam Osbaugh, Hannah Hausmann, Stephen Boone, Joshua Garverick, Jane Kline, David Martinez and Brian & Nikki Jackson.

COMMEMORATIONS

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 2026

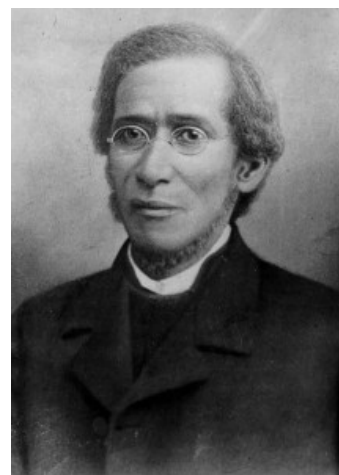
The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.



Daniel Payne, teacher, pastor, 1893

Monday, November 2, 2026

Educator Daniel Payne organized a school for African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, that eventually became the largest school in Charleston. In 1835 the school was closed when the General Assembly of South Carolina passed a law preventing free African Americans and slaves from operating schools. Payne eventually enrolled in Gettysburg Seminary and was ordained by the Franckean Synod of Upper New York. No call was available to him in the Lutheran church, so he served a Presbyterian congregation in East Troy, New York. He went on to found Wilberforce College in Ohio.



Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.



**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873;
Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719;
Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries**
Saturday, November 7, 2026

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, November 1

**All Saints' Day
Holy Communion, 9:30 am
Ray Huff preaching and presiding**

Monday, November 2

Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

**Office Hours, 9 am - 1 pm
Men's Fellowship, 6 pm**

Thursday, November 5	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Friday, November 6	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Saturday, November 7	Office Closed
Sunday, November 8	Janet Stroble preaching and presiding Holy Communion, 9:30 am

OUR STEWARDSHIP for October 25, 2026

Regular Offering	\$3,142.00
Plate Offerings	25.00
Parish Life	220.00
Operation Christmas Child	300.00
Roof Replacement Fund	700.00
Organ Fund	300.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	35.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
Grand Total	\$4,822.00

ALTAR FLOWERS for 10-25-2026 (additional two vases) were given to the Glory of God: and

In honor of our daughter, Hannah, on her 25th birthday, by Vicki and Drew Haussmann; and

In loving memory of my grandmother, Freda Shaner, on her October 31st birthday, by Shelby Weber.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and

In loving memory of my loved ones by Norma Feig Prato; and

In loving memory of Gwyn M. Rees on November 6, by Ruth Rees and son, Grant Rees.

WORSHIP LEADERS for November 1, 2026

Preacher/Celebrant	9:30 am	Ray Huff
Lector	9:30 am	Shelby Weber
Communion Assistants	9:30 am	Gary and Shelby Weber
Ushers	9:30 am	Brenda, Ed, and Levi Gair
Hospitality	9:30 am	Herb Poff
Offering Collection	9:30 am	Richard Reitz

Organist
Altar Guild

Sam Robinson
Wanda Fortin & Ruth Ann Bigelow

WORSHIP LEADERS for November 8, 2026

Preacher/Celebrant	9:30 am	Ray Huff
Lector	9:30 am	Candy Dewar
Communion Assistants	9:30 am	Becky Pryor & Devin Owen
Ushers	9:30 am	Tim & Deb Maggs/Dick Reitz
Hospitality	9:30 am	Donna & Gary Clark
Offering Collection	9:30 am	Richard Reitz
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild		Wanda Fortin & Ruth Ann Bigelow

BIRTHDAYS

Ann Kuntz (Wmspt. Home) 11/7

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 the church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email: stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

~ 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."

FINANCE

Our Stewardship Campaign began, Sunday, Oct. 11 with temple talks and then will conclude today, Sunday, November 1 with the collection of the pledges. Between then and the conclusion of the campaign you need to think about and pray about what your financial commitment will be. Please read your Bible about what God says about giving and then pray that you will be able to meet God's plan.

Next finance meeting is November 9, 2026 at 5:30 pm to finish the budget. Thank you.



Singing for Hannah

Please join us following today's service in the Narthex to sing "Happy Birthday" to Hannah Haussmann who is serving in Cambodia. She cannot get mail on a regular basis, but her mom, Vicki, can text her. Vicki has agreed to video us with her phone and send it to Hannah. Please help us let Hannah know we are thinking of her. This will almost be as good as eating cake and no calories!

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, Band Aids, Women's Deodorant, Q-tips, Shampoo and Body Wash.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are Individual Snacks/Breakfast Bars, Large, Brown Lunch Bags Napkins, Mayonnaise, Sugar, Snack-Size Ziplock Bags, Salt and Pepper Shakers and Coffee Creamer.

United Churches Food Pantry: We have learned that each week, the Pantry sees more new clients in need of food to stretch their budgets. Any non-perishable food you can share is in need and welcomed. The Pantry continues to accept plastic grocery bags and 12 count egg cartons.

Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC: Snack items, microwave, single serve food and travel size hygiene items.

Sandwich Needs: We continue to accept monetary donations. These donations assist with bread, rolls, meat, cheese, individual condiment packages and sandwich bags. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line stating Parish Life. Thank you for the donations we have already received.

Evangelism and Fellowship Committee: Upcoming Events

- **Hometown Heroes:** On Saturday, November 14, this committee will host the Hometown Heroes group in Fellowship Hall. We decorate Fellowship Hall in a patriotic theme and this year will serve light

refreshments. Speak to a committee member if you would like to assist with decorating or can provide donuts or other snacks.

- **Christmas Gifts:** Again, this year we will be collecting items for the residents/consumers of Danville State Hospital. During all of November, we will be accepting new items for these folks. A sample of needs are new socks and underwear, sweatshirts and sweatpants, hygiene items, slippers, pj's, inexpensive watches and wallets/change purses, coloring and activity books for both men and women. Clothing sizes for both are large and extra-large. Donations are due no later than November 29 and can be placed in the tub in the Narthex.
- **Ladies of CM-6/Selinsgrove Center:** Later this month, we will start collecting our usual gifts of pudding cups and body wash for the ladies. Look for a more complete announcement toward the end of November.
- **Advent Wreath Making:** Sunday, November 29 in Fellowship Hall after the Sunday Service. There will be hospitality in Fellowship Hall for all. All supplies will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

Did You Know?

- If you are experiencing a health event and need medical equipment, St. Mark's has a supply of walkers, canes, port-a-potties, shower chairs, crutches and a medical bed. Call the church office for additional information.
- If you provide altar flowers, you may take them home to enjoy after the Sunday service. Mache flower bowls are available in the Pastor's sacristy for your convenience.
- The South Williamsport Church/UMC is sponsoring a Rummage and Book Sale on November 6 and November 7, 2026. All proceeds benefit their outreach programs locally and globally.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St. Mark's Annual Congregational Meeting and Brunch are scheduled for **Sunday, December 6, 2026 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service of worship.**

Among the items to be presented, discussed, and/or voted upon are:

- * Annual Report of Committees to the Congregation
- * Election of new Council members
- * Adoption of the 2027 budget to support the ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- * Any other business that needs to be addressed

Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in this Annual Congregational Meeting. If you need additional information or have items that you would like to discuss, please contact one of the Council officers: Ray Huff, president; Dick Reitz, vice-president; Cindy Todd, secretary; or Debra Buckman, treasurer. We are looking forward to not only seeing you on December 6th, but are excited to see how our congregation will continue to "Make Christ Known" in 2027! Thank you for your participation in this important church event.



Operation Christmas Child ~ Opportunities to Help

November 12 ~ Come help fold our shoeboxes! This is an easy task and 80 boxes will come together quickly with several helping hands. We will meet at **10:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall.

November 14 ~ Come help set up our tables in Fellowship Hall (literally and figuratively). Once our tables are set up, help lay out and organize all the gifts that have been collected throughout the year. We will meet at **1:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.

November 15 ~ Come help pack our shoeboxes! We will begin with a short presentation on the positive impact Operation Christmas Child has on the shoebox recipients. We will then fill our shoeboxes with gifts and love. We will meet after the 9:30 church service. This is such a fun time seeing our shoeboxes come together. If you haven't had the opportunity to help pack, please come over to Fellowship Hall. It is well worth it!

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