

The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

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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 seek, "To know Christ and to make Christ known."



An Order for Holy Communion 8 am and 10:30 am

(Setting One, *Lutheran Book of Worship*)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

A guide to hymnal use: LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book

**Please stand as you are able.*

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

PRELUDE *Air on the G String* JS Bach

WELCOME

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been poured forth on all the earth
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

May we be attentive to God's Word?

Confess our sins,

Receive forgiveness,

And grow into the fulness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Kneel/Stand

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us.

In your compassion

Forgive us our sins,

Known and unknown,

Things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit

so that we may live and serve you

in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your holy name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news of the Holy Spirit:

Christ died and rose for us while we were yet sinners!

That is proof of God's love toward us!

In the name of Jesus Christ †

our sins are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen.

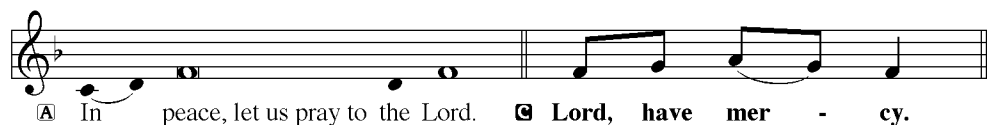
*HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

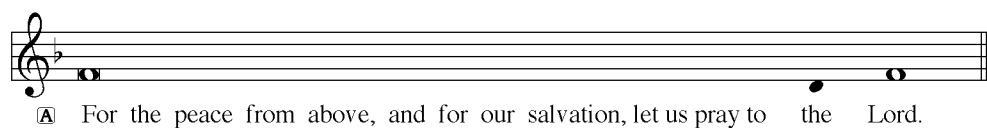
LBH, “Green”, 508



*KYRIE



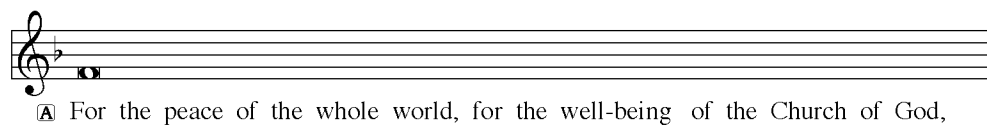
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



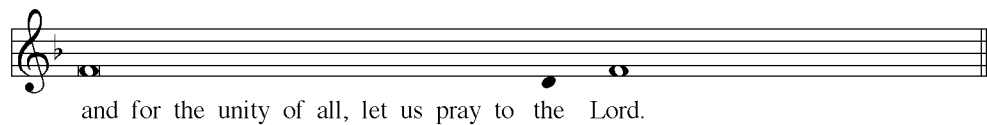
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



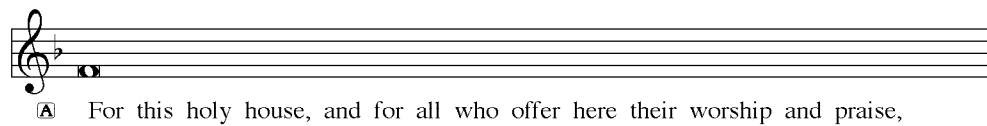
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



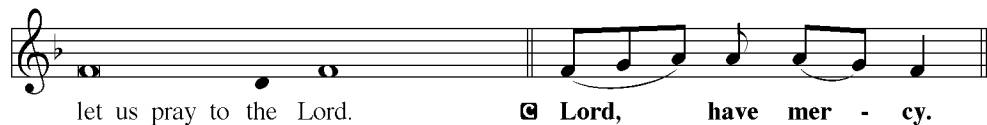
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



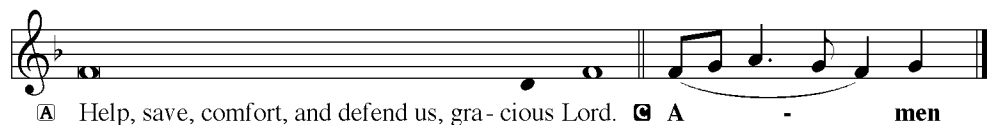
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glu-ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3. Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glu-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. In the strength of your Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING.....Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

19 and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-35b

24How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

25**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

26There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

27**All of them | look to you**

to give them their food | in due season.

28You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

29**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

30You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;

and so you renew the face | of the earth.

31**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**

O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.

32You look at the earth | and it trembles;

you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

33**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will praise my God while I | have my being.

34May these words of | mine please God.

I will rejoice | in the LORD.

35b Bless the LORD, | O my soul.

Hal- | lelujah!

THE SECOND READING.....Romans 8:22-27

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE GOSPEL.....John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:4b “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***THE 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.

All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

*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 all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised poured out your Spirit of life and power upon his disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. 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 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 and made for yourself a chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this 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 to his 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 to 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 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.

Amen. 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.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your saints of every time and place, and unite them with ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



© Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.

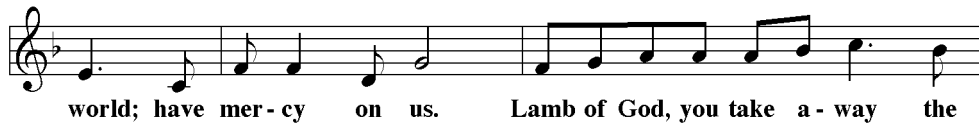
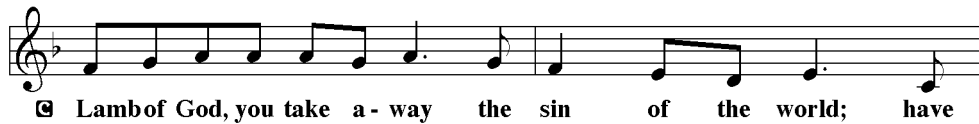
For thine is the kingdom

and the power,

and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

***LAMB OF GOD**



***INVITATION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

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

***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**

God of resurrection and new life,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been poured forth on all the earth!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The God of welcome, hope and new life:

Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***HYMN God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind Back of Bulletin**

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE Festive Postlude Paul Fey



Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Mike Ford, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry Myers, Ariel, John Bower, Joseph Baur, Glenn Yaple, John Tartline.



This week's Bulletin is sponsored by
Mel and Mindy Wentzel
In Honor of Our Parents



OUR STEWARDSHIP May 12, 2024



Regular Offering	\$3,881.00
Plate Offerings	30.00
Bulletin Sponsor	10.00
World Hunger	50.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Global Mission	50.00
Parish Life	67.00
Operation Christmas Child	50.00
Memorials	100.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,388.00



WORSHIP LEADERS

May 19, 2024

Lector	8:00AM	Brian Jackson
	10:30AM	Karen Marino
Communion Assistants	8:00AM	Nikki Jackson
	10:30AM	Matt and Wanda Fortin
Organist		Sam Robinson
Ushers:	8:00AM	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30AM	Mike Jensen, captain
		Pam Jensen, Shelby and Gary Weber
Altar Guild	MAY	Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:



- + In Honor of my Dad by Todd Smith
- + In Loving Memory of Grace Lehman by daughter, Lois Winters Goldy
- + In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marion and Bill Waldeisen by Wendy Hooper

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?



Faith Formation has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

Summer Hospitality!



The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, smores, suntans, and all sorts of fun, summery things. At St. Mark's, summer also means a single service beginning at 9:30 AM.

We look forward to sharing hospitality with each other after the 9:30 service, and ask that you please consider signing up to share a few treats ~ nothing fancy is required! Perhaps find a friend to help make the load just a bit lighter. Sign-up sheets may be found in the "Hospitality Binder" on the "Hospitality Table" in the Narthex. We look forward to spending a little time together on these Summer Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping!

Spring Cleaning? Got Stuff?



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's need donations for our annual Fall Sale. We will need many more donations than we currently have if we are to have a sale in 2024.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you don't want it, we probably can sell it. Not certain we can use it, speak to Becky Miller Pryor before bringing it.

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift and place them in the Bazaar Room in the basement. If you cannot get to the basement, leaving them on the stage is fine.



Senior Voice Recital: Alanna Ramos

Sunday, May 26 at 2pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome



Worship and Music Committee will meet today, Sunday May 19, 2024 after the 10:30 Service.

Busy Bags for Hospitalized Children



Church Women United of Lycoming County (CWU) are requesting items for Busy Bags. These colorful bags are given to pediatric patients, ages three through twelve, who are recovering from illness or injury while hospitalized. Please help by donating one or more of the following items.

- Coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, finger puppets, fidget toys, socks, Slinkys, Nerf balls, sticker books, Play-Doh and small puzzles.

Items will be collected now through June 2. A tub for your donations is in the Narthex.

Danville State Hospital Shoe Drive



Again, this year, Danville State Hospital is sponsoring a shoe drive for its residents. They are collecting new and gently used sneakers and shoes for both men and women in adult sizes. Please note they cannot accept high heels or other “fancy” shoes.

Donations will be accepted through June 2 and may be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

Blessing Box Needs



With the hot temperatures of summer, it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. In addition to the many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches we will provide during the summer months, the Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are asking for two specific donations. They are **Star-Kist Deli Style Tuna Salad and Star-Kist Chicken Salad.**

Both come in a foil packet and are ready to eat. These items do not need refrigeration and resist spoiling due to extreme temperatures. A container is available in the Narthex for these specific items. We will be collecting these packets throughout the summer.

P.S. Many times these items are on sale at our local super markets.

Desserts for Redeemer's Community Dinner

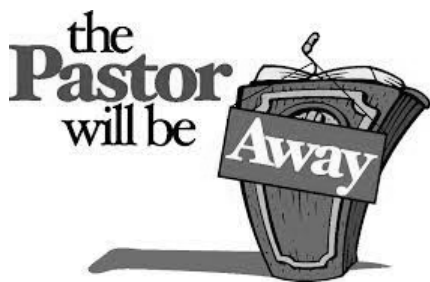


The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee needs your help in providing June's dessert. We are asking congregation members to donate boxes of Tastykake's of any kind. Donations may be placed on the table in the Narthex.

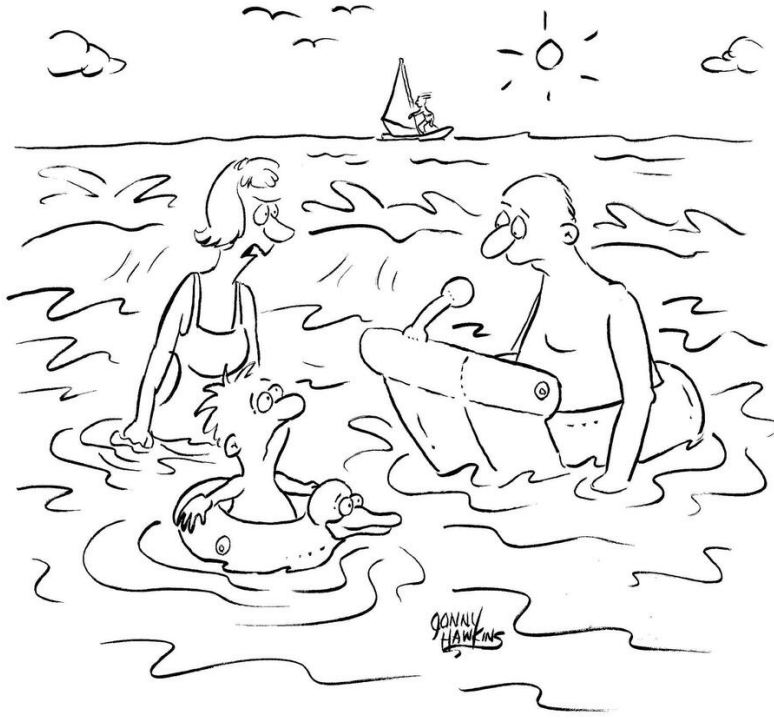
Cereal Sunday Returns



There is no vacation from hunger. Molly Eisley, Food Pantry Coordinator, stated she received 45 new clients/families during April. All donations of nonperishable food are greatly appreciated at this time of great need. In addition to our usual food collections, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be collecting boxes of cereal on the second Sunday of June, July, August and September. More information will be available in the June Lion.



Pastor Vasey will be on vacation from May 22 to May 27. If pastoral care is needed during this time please contact Pastor Carol Johnson 570-772-6674. Thank You!



“Honestly, honey! - For one vacation, can’t you leave your ministry home?!”

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Installation of Pastor Beth George

Installation of Rev. Beth George as pastor of Zion, Sunbury will be on May 19th at 2pm. All are invited to attend and celebrate with us. Clergy will process and the color of the day is red.



The Bus Trip to see “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The cost of the trip, which includes the show, meal and bus fare is \$153.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter’s Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.

Monday, May 20, -
 Sunday, May 26, 2024



Monday, May 20 Church Council ML 6:00PM
 Tuesday, May 21 Deadline for the "Lion"
 Wednesday, May 22 Bible Study 12:10PM FH

Thursday, May 23 *Pastor on Vacation*
 Friday, May 24 *Pastor on Vacation*
 Saturday, May 25 *Pastor on Vacation*
 Sunday, May 26 *Pastor on Vacation*

Holy Communion 8:00AM
Holy Communion 10:30AM
Ray Huff Preaching
 Senior Voice Recital: Alanna Ramos
 Sunday, May 26 at 2pm Nave

BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Jensen May 24 Dawson Owen May 24
 Dustin Pelleschi May 24 Norma Prato May 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Joanne and Reverend Brian Vasey May 24

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the "This Week at Our Church", please email jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org



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) or email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family

COMMEMORATIONS

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330



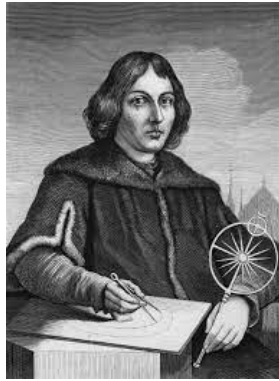
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists



Copernicus



Euler

Friday, May 24, 2024

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed too many other fields.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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