

**The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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**An Order for Holy Communion 8 am and 10:30 am
(Setting Two, *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.

HYMNS ARE PRINTED IN THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN AS WELL AS HYMNALS (LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book)

****Please stand as you are able.***

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

The readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

our refuge,

our delight,

our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the One who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Kneel/stand. A brief silence is observed.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

***HYMN**

We Praise You, O God

LBW, "Green," 241

***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



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING.....Daniel 12:1-3

1 “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

2 **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

8 **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

11 **You will show me the path of life;**

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

THE SECOND READING.....Hebrews 10:11-25

11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

17 he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



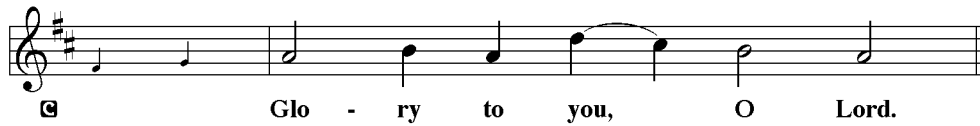
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE GOSPEL.....Mark 13:1-8**

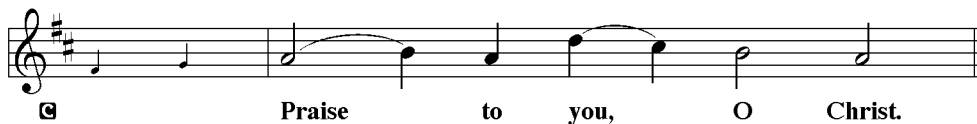
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter



1 As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation No Download Available**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, 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**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *After each petition, “Merciful God/Receive our prayer”.*

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

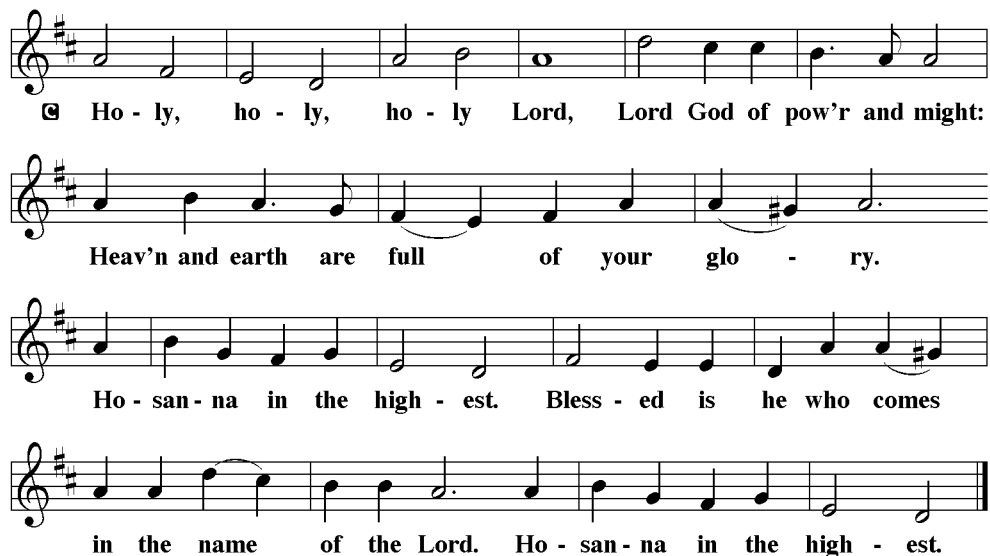
☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ 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 in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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 salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

Amen.

***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



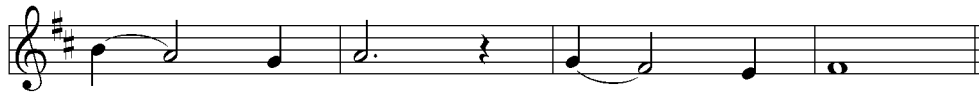
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

Come, all are welcome to dine with our risen Lord. **Amen.**

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

Faithful God,

you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.

Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,

and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ and give you peace.

Amen.

***HYMN The Church's One Foundation**

LBW, "Green," 369

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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OUR PRAYER LIST

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, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry Myers, Ariel, John Bower, Joseph Baur, John Tartline, Bob Miller, Carl Hieber, Donna Baker, Tom Waffenschmidt, George Poliska.

NOVEMBER 3 WAS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, BUT IF YOU MISSED IT,

DON'T PANIC! Pledge cards are still available in the narthex and may be returned to the church by way of the offering plate. If you cannot return your pledge card today, please do so in the near future. In 2025, Christ calls us to support the work of the church through our prayers, presence, gifts and service. May the faithfulness of all God's saints inspire us to faithfully serve our Lord through St. Mark's and beyond.

OUR STEWARDSHIP November 10, 2024

Regular Offering	\$2,119.00
Plate Offerings	20.00

Thanksgiving	10.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Christmas Flowers	146.00
Organ Fund	25.00
Memorials	40.00
Grand Total	\$2,385.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of our St. Mark's family;
in honor of my mother, Dorothy Bauer, by Joseph Bauer

WORSHIP LEADERS

November 17, 2024

Lector	8 am	Brian Jackson
	10:30 am	Karen Mariano
Communion Assistants	8 am	Nikki Jackson
	10:30 am	Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler
Ushers	8 am	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 am	Albright Team
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (NOVEMBER)		Cindy Huff, Linda Rosini

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

End of year Congregational Reports of all church committees and ministries are now due! Please file reports with the Church Office. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

Sunday, November 17	Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am
Monday, November 18	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Council, 6pm
Tuesday, November 19	Church Office Hours, 9 am-1 pm

Wednesday, November 20 Church Office Hours, 9 am-1 pm
 Holy Communion, Williamsport Home, Bldg. "A"
 All are welcome!

Thursday, November 14 Church Office Hours, 9 am-1 pm
 Billtown Brass Practice, 7:30 pm (Nave)

Friday, November 22 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 23 Billtown Brass Concert (Victorian Christmas), 5 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Baker	11/18
Ronald Baker	11/18
Ray Reams	11/21
Sally Bjornstad	11/23
James Newcomer, Jr.	11/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Candace & Stephen Dewar	11/18
Cheryl & David Williams	11/19
Lou Ann & Ralph Zeigler	11/19
Mary & Robert Clouser	11/20
Nicole & David Walz	11/22

SYNOD YOUTH PING PONG TOURNAMENT Calling all youth!! Do you enjoy church but wish there were more kids your own age? Well then we have good news for you! You are invited to the Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Group's third gathering on Sunday, November 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's, Shamokin Dam. The theme is a ping pong tournament. All youth grades 6-12 are invited! This event is held in partnership with Camp Mount Luther. We hope to see you there!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service to help pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A light lunch will be served, and a brief presentation will show how meaningful and life-changing these gifts are to the kids who receive a shoebox with all sorts of goodies. Plus, packing

shoeboxes for others is tons of fun! Many hands make light work, and all are welcome to participate in this outreach project.

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, 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.

+ To keep members of the church update on new address, phone number, change in marital status or anything else that needs updated, you will see in the weekly bulletin and the “Lion”, updates on the information. If you have any information that needs to be updated, please send an email to jbour@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. The office is working on an updated Church directory so please update any information ASAP to insure the directory is up to date.

COMMEMORATIONS

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.



Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.



Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"



IN MEMORIAM In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we announce the death of Joseph Baur on November 13th, 2024. A memorial service will take place at a later time. Please continue to keep Joe's wife Christine and the rest of his family in prayer. Condolences may be sent to Christine at 178 Route 118 HWY, Hughesville, PA 17737.

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We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ, our head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith-ful all the gifts they ask to gain;
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the Son,



cho - sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
come, with all your lov - ing-kind-ness, hear your peo - ple as they pray;
what they gain from you for-ev - er with the bless-ed to re - tain;
praise and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one:



ho - ly Zi - on's help for-ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
and your full - est ben - e - dic-tion shed with-in these walls to - day.
and here-af - ter in your glo - ry ev - er-more with you to reign.
one in might and one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

WREATH-MAKING Please join us on Sunday, December 1st, for our annual Advent Wreath-making event. We will gather in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:15 ish) and create an Advent Wreath for your family to use at home during the Advent season. We will be making our wreaths in a variety of vessels and containers, using wet floral foam to keep the greens fresh throughout the Advent season. All materials will be provided! Please sign up in the Narthex or RSVP by contacting Vicki Hausmann at (570) 447-3263. We look forward to seeing you there!

* Materials will also be available after the 10:30 service should you wish to meander on over to Fellowship Hall and create a wreath for your home.

ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH St. Mark's Church Council cordially invites you to attend a brunch immediately following the December 8th Annual Congregational Meeting. A menu of sausage casserole, spinach quiche, fresh fruit, sweet treats, and beverages will be served in Fellowship Hall, catered by The Food Guy. We look forward to this time of Christian Fellowship, and hope that our time together might be a blessing to you during the busy holiday season.

We ask that you please RSVP by December 1st so that we have an accurate count to give to the caterer. You can drop your RSVP in the offering plate! Thanks!

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Brunch RSVP**

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Please return by: December 1, 2024

* A free will donation will be taken.
