THE DAY OF PENTECOST June 8, 2025 St. Mark's Lutheran Church 142 Market Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 <u>stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org</u> Office (570-323-4619) Fax (570-323-2452) Rev. Brian D. Vasey, Pastor <u>bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org</u>

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, 9:30 am (Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two)

A guide to hymnal use: All hymns are printed in the bulletin and when reference is available the LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book *Please stand as you are able.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth! Amen! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

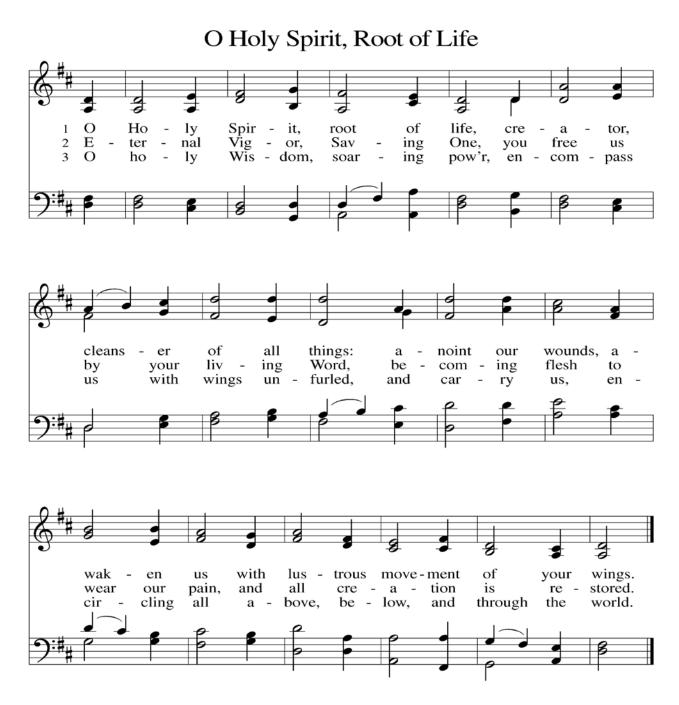
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

*HYMN Holy Spirit, Root of Life

WOV, "Blue," 688



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***THE GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**







***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the

peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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

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

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

¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, 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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The 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 104:24-34, 35b

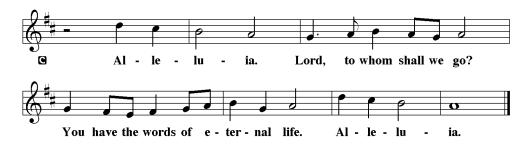
²⁴ How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures. ²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great. ²⁶There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it. 27 All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season. ²⁸ You 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. ³⁰ You 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. ³² You 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. ³⁴ May 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 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may

also be glorified with him. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPELACCLAMATION



***THE GOSPEL:**

John 14:8-27

The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to St. John, the 14th chapter.



⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

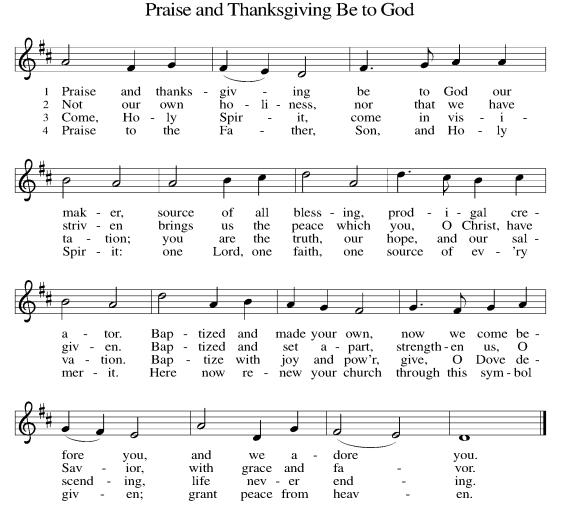
²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I

give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*HYMN Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God No Reference Available



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***THE NICENE CREED** Together with the whole church, we confess our faith: We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he 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

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each petition: Hear us, O God/Your mercy is great.

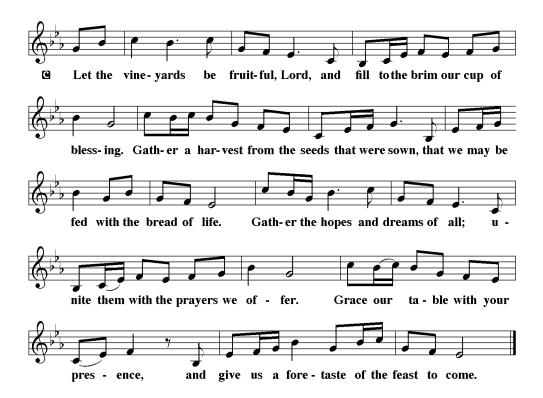
***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM Aria, No. 2 "My Heart Ever Faithful" J.S. Bach

***OFFERING**



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace

along with these gifts we bring.

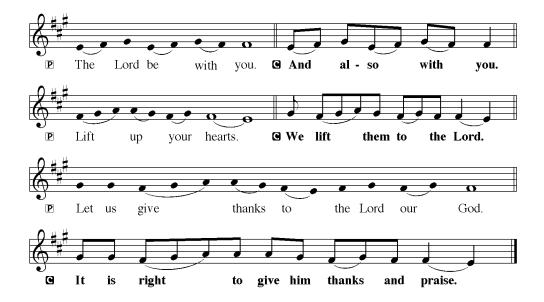
Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

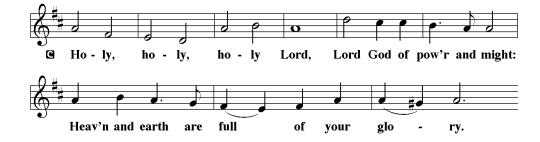
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

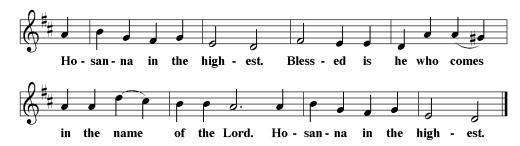
Amen.



***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 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 the 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:





Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from our slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew

to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead

and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,

declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,

who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,

in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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

Do 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. With this bread and cupwe remember our Lord's passoverfrom death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth burning with justice, peace and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

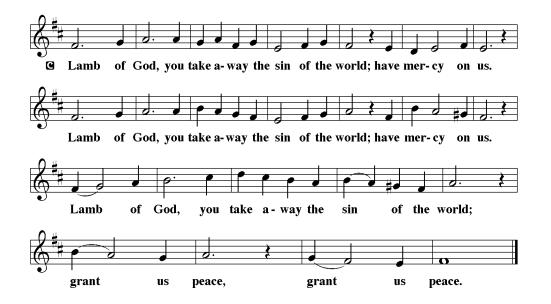
With all your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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



***INVITATION TO COMMUNE**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life!

Alleluia! 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**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

*BLESSING

May our triune God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit,

light your way, now and always with resurrection dawn.

Amen.

*HYMN God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind No Reference Available

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



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*DISMISSAL

Risen with Christ, we seek the realties of the Spirit! Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYER LIST

Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, Gary Cable, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Gerry Myers, Ariel, John Tartline, Donna Baker, George Poliska, April Clark, Connie Shaible, Ann Kuntz, Michael Reitz and Becky Pryor.

OUR STEWARDSHIP for June 1, 2025

| Regular Offering | \$4,624.00 |
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| Plate Offering | 64.00 |
| Organ Fund | 10.00 |
| Memorials | 50.00 |
| Synod Benevolence | 10.00 |
| Grand Total | \$4,758.00 |

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and

In honor of our children, Derek, Paige, and Brandon by Matt & Wanda Fortin; and

In loving memory of our mothers, Doris Fortin and Lois Johns by Charlie & Judy Fortin and Family.

WORSHIP LEADERS for June 8, 2025

| Lector | 9:30 am | Shelby Weber |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Communion Assistants | 9:30 am | Brian & Nikki Jackson |
| Ushers | 9:30 am | Gary & Shelby Weber |
| Hospitality | 9:30 am | Volunteers needed |
| Organist | | Sam Robinson |
| Altar Guild (JUNE) | | Mindy & Mel Wentzel |

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

| Today, June 8 | Holy Communion, 9:30 am |
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| Monday, June 9 | Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm Council, 6 pm |
| Tuesday, June 10 | Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm |
| Wednesday, June 11 | Office Hours, 9 am – 1pm |
| Thursday, June 12 | Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm Faith Formation, 10:45 am |
| Friday, June 13 | Office Hours, 9 am – 1pm Synod Assembly |
| Saturday, June 14 | Office Closed |
| Sunday, June 15 | Holy Communion, 9:30 am (Trinity Sunday) |

<u>Pastor Vasey will be on vacation June 16-23</u>. Should you be in need of a pastor during this time, please contact, The Rev. Jeffery LeCrone, 570-220-3631.

BIRTHDAYS

| Jenn Robertson | 6/10 |
|----------------|------|
| Heather Snyder | 6/10 |

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."

Summer Camp brochures are available in the church office or contact Camp Mount Luther at 570-922-1587 or at cml@campmountluther.org.



Don't forget to look for items for all of the types of kits in preparation for the fall. Especially needed are receiving blankets (medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn -36" to 52" square (no polar



fleece), baby shirts up to 24 months with no snap crotches, cotton fabric, diapers (flat fold) and items for school kits (we do not need pencils, erasers or bags). For more info please contact Deb Buckman.



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Never doubt that God is using these seemingly

small items for good. "Our economic condition is very poor, so my parents cannot afford to buy toys for me. When I heard that I would get a gift box, I was so excited! Thank you to all of my foreign friends who sent me the toys and other amazing things."

-Samia, East Asia

In June, we are collecting: ~ small balls (no super balls please), yo-yo's (light up if possible), bungee cords, and screwdrivers.

Monetary donations are also welcome to help offset the \$10.00/box cost for shipping our shoeboxes. This \$10.00 also provides devotional material for every child who receives a shoebox. Checks may be made to St. Mark's with OCC in the memo line. These items (or anything else you may find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you!

*The age ranges for the boxes we fill are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 (both boys and girls)

Our Fourth of July Celebration Needs You!

It is time to begin preparations for our annual July Fourth lawn party. We have been celebrating God and Country with our community for more than two decades. Please consider donating candy, condiments, trinkets or money. A list of needed items is in the June Lion. A tub for donations is in the Narthex. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

Cereal Sundays Are Back!

We will be collecting today, Sunday, June 8, 2025. Our next collection will be Sunday, July 13, 2025. Can you help?

We Care for Families

During May and June, when we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee asks that you consider donating hygiene items that are of tremendous help to families with children. We are requesting baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby/kids body wash, baby wipes, tissues and kids' toothbrushes and toothpaste. Items may be placed on the table in the Narthex closet.

Ongoing Collections and Activities at St. Mark's:

• <u>For desserts in June</u>, The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is providing 120 servings of brownies for Redeemer's community dinner. We need help from the congregation. We are accepting boxes of brownie mix and



congregation. We are accepting boxes of brownie mix and monetary donations to cover the cost of eggs, cooking oil and plastic bags. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Evangelism and Fellowship. If you wish to bake brownies or assist with packaging the brownies, please speak with a committee member.

- Shepherd of the Streets: See the article We Care for Families.
- <u>Summer Blessing Box Needs</u>: With summer temperatures being so warm, it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. 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 are able to resist spoiling due to extreme temperatures. A container is available in the Narthex for these specific items.

ALL ABOARD THE ARK!

A bus trip to see **Noah** at the Sight and Sound Theater in

Lancaster, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, September 24, the 11:00 AM show. While the bus will be pulling out around 6:00 AM, the early start will certainly be well worth it! Bus fare, show ticket, and dinner at Hershey Farm Inn are all included in the adult price of \$176.77 and \$110.61 per child. If interested, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627.

Become WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A
Part of Our
Church
Church
Mark's in church membership are invited to contact PASTOR
VASEY at 570-323-4619 or email

stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.

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!





COMMEMORATIONS

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church *Monday, June 9, 2025*

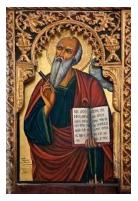


These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.



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

Saturday, June 14, 2025



The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of

Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

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