

THE TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 2025

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”



Please note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

An Order for Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 am

(Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting 1)

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.***

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of and ☩ 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 was given to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I there declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the $\dagger$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*HYMN Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow LBW, "Green," 355

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and -
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the -
per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing

guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all

pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
Fa - ther reigns in the love for - ev - er - more.
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

*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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ 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. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made | known your victory,**
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;**
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

⁵ Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound | of the horn**
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers | clap their hands,**
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge
the earth.

⁹ The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATIO N



*THE GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see,

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”



***HYMN My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

***THE**

APOSTLES' CREED

With all the people of God, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

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

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

***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.

***OFFERING**

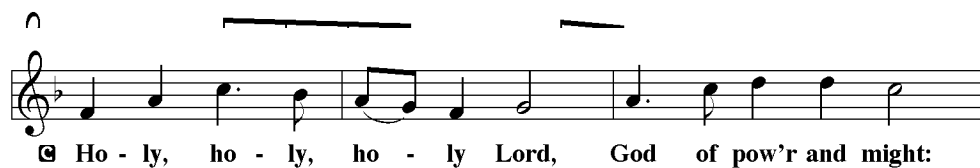
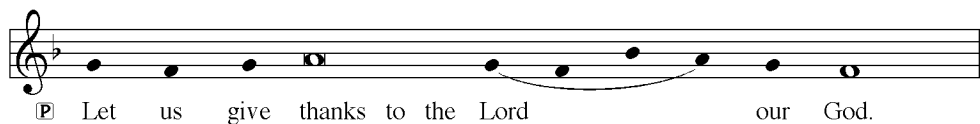
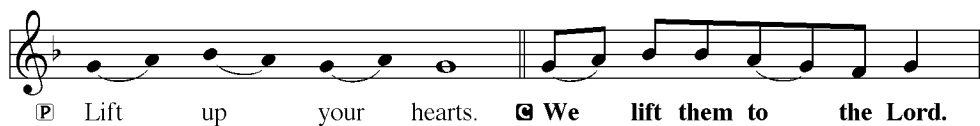


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
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 Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

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.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

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;
that we might be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

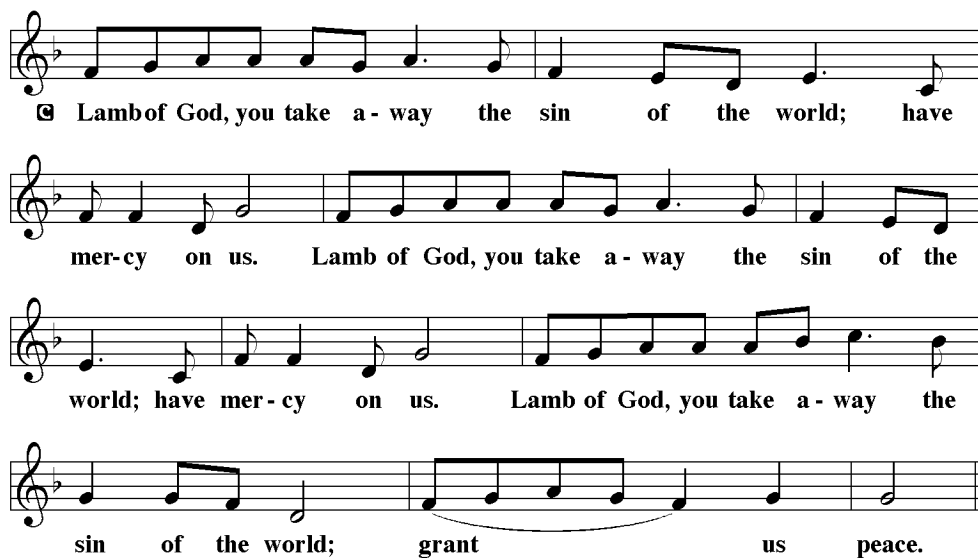
Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord as you have taught us, so now we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***LAMB OF GOD**



***INVITATION TO COMMUNE**

There is a place for you at the table of God.
 Come, receive the food that does not perish,
 a taste of life eternal.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

All are welcome at our Lord's Table. Use the center aisle to come forward, pick up a small cup on the way. Receive the bread from Pastor Vasey and then proceed to receive the wine from one of two pouring chalices. After communing, please return to your pew by the side aisles. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his holy supper. If you cannot drink wine, eat only bread. If you cannot eat bread, drink only wine.

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**

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

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 give you peace.

Amen.

***HYMN**

O Christ the Same

WOV, "Blue," 778

O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYER LIST

Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, Gary Cable, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Ariel, John Tartline, George Poliska, Connie Shaible, Ann Kuntz, John and Terry Holohan, Loretta Hawe and Len.

COMMEMORATIONS

ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, renewer of society, died 1231

Monday, November 17, 2025

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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, November 16	Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am
Monday, November 17	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm
Tuesday, November 18	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm
Wednesday, November 19	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm Holy Communion, 2 pm Wmpst. Home
Thursday, November 20	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm

Friday, November 21	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm
Saturday, November 22	Office Closed
Sunday, November 23	<i>Stewardship Commitment Sunday</i> Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am 175 th Anniversary Meeting, 10:30 am

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: NOVEMBER 2-23, 2025

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign begins today, November 2 and concludes Sunday, November 23. During these several weeks think and pray about how you can support all our congregation does in Jesus' name within St. Mark's, our community and our world.

Our congregation is a gathering of “therefore” people. We have experienced God’s great mercy. “Therefore”, we work together to proclaim that mercy in the world through both word and deed. So that we can do even more of God’s work, you are encouraged to increase your giving by 1/2% of your household income. Below is a chart to help with this.

Find your annual income	If you give weekly, increase by:	If you give monthly, increase by:
\$20,000	\$2.00 per week	\$8.00 per month
\$40,000	\$4.00 per week	\$17.00 per month
\$60,000	\$6.00 per week	\$26.00 per month
\$80,000	\$8.00 per week	\$35.00 per month
\$100,000	\$10.00 per week	\$43.00 per month
\$120,000	\$12.00 per week	\$52.00 per month
\$140,000	\$14.00 per week	\$60.00 per month
\$160,000	\$16.00 per week	\$69.00 per month
\$180,000	\$18.00 per week	\$78.00 per month
\$200,000	\$20.00 per week	\$86.00 per month
\$220,000	\$22.00 per week	\$95.00 per month
\$240,000	\$24.00 per week	\$104.00 per month

In the mail this coming week you will receive a letter and ways to indicate your giving for the coming year. Please look for the letter and either bring your response to worship next week or mail your response to the church.

OUR STEWARDSHIP for November 9, 2025

Regular Offering	\$2484.00
Plate Offerings	41.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	100.00
Christmas Flowers	101.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	35.00
Synod Benevolence	42.00
Grand Total	\$2828.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
Both vases are given in Celebration of our St. Mark's Family.

WORSHIP LEADERS for November 16, 2025

Lector	8:00 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Shelby Weber
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Mindy W./Deb B.
Ushers	8:00 am	Miller/Poff
	10:30 am	Tim & Deb M./Dick R.
Hospitality	8:00 am	Jackie Kinney
	10:30 am	Wanda F./Ruth Ann Bigelow
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (NOVEMBER)		Matt & Wanda Fortin

ANNIVERSARIES

Stephen & Candy Dewar	11/18	Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler	11/19
Dave & Cheryl Williams	11/19		

BIRTHDAYS

Donna Baker	11/18	Ray Reams	11/21
Ronald Baker	11/18		

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 it may be included in the weekly bulletin and/or the "Lion."



So we are done for this year however, please do not stop thinking about the kits and the items for them! Watch the clearance racks and shelves for items and snap them up. If you do not want to store them at home, you can bring them to the church and put them in the office opposite the middle lounge - you will know which one it is - the messy one with boxes, etc. Baby clothes, towels, etc. can be found on clearance. Deb Buckman

Family Promise

Thanks to all who helped with our family promise hosting. Our next hosting is coming up quickly, this Sunday Nov. 16 to Nov. 22. This is our last hosting for this year. Currently there are two families - a mother with 7 children and another mother with 2 children. As you know this can change quickly so I will keep you up to date as I receive information. Sunday and Tuesday are already spoken for. Also - I am looking for a co-worker to help me with this task. It is not hard - scheduling the meals and making sure there are not three nights of spaghetti is the hardest part. If you are interested in helping please talk to me - Deb Buckman



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your wonderful support of Operation Christmas Child this year. Due to your generous donations, we were able to pack 85 beautiful shoeboxes, *as well as* cover the \$850.00 in shipping costs. Not only did we pack 85 boxes, 20 of those boxes were filled with "Grow With Me" shoes, and another 13 boxes were filled with a soccer ball and pump ~ a true blessing indeed! The impact that these gifts will have on kids is truly miraculous. God is at work!

We ask that in December you pray for these shoeboxes, asking for God's blessings on the children who receive these gifts. Pray that their hearts may be touched by God's love, and that the Good News of Jesus Christ will be planted on their hearts.

Thank you again for your support of this worldwide ministry. We look forward to working with you again in 2026!



WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN? Adults wishing to unite with St. Mark's in church membership are invited to contact PASTOR VASEY at 570-323-4619 or email: stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.



Urgent Needs At.....

Shepherd of the Streets: **SHAMPOO** for men, women and children. As of press time the Shepherd's office had none! Any other hygiene item is also greatly appreciated.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are brown, large-size lunch bags, Dixie paper bowls (10-12 oz.) and plastic forks. FYI: STM serves more than **600** meals each week that include both eat-in and brown bag lunches to go.

United Churches Food Pantry: Urgently needed are jars of peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and canned pineapple. As we near the holiday season, please consider continuing to offer non-perishable food items to be used by the Pantry. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated as the need is great and growing.

Thanksgiving Day Greetings

Today, greeting cards, with a name and address on the envelope, are available in the Narthex after both services. Please consider taking a card or two, writing a cheery greeting, adding a stamp and placing it in the mail in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you for any help you can give in spreading good cheer.

Church Women United - Update

Members of CWU make fidget bags and small fidget quilts for hospitalized children and nursing home residents. If any members of St. Mark's have cotton or cotton/polyester material they wish to donate to the ladies, please leave it in the Narthex and the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will deliver it to them.

Gifts for the Ladies of CM-6 and the Residents of the Danville State Hospital

Due to the various schedules of the Selinsgrove Center and the Danville State Hospital, we need to start now to collect gifts for their Christmas celebrations.

For the ladies of CM-6, we are in need of cozy slipper socks, pudding cups in all flavors but vanilla, (Vanilla is the only flavor the center serves.) moisturizing body wash and money to offset the cost of items not donated. We will also take a basket of individually wrapped snacks for the caregivers.

Donations of needed items and snacks can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Monetary donations may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating "Selinsgrove Party." Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give.

For the Residents of the Danville State Hospital, we supply general gifts that can be used where they are most needed. This need is greatest for those residents who arrive at the hospital in November or December.

Items being requested this year for both men and women include socks, hats, gloves, scarves, inexpensive wallets and watches, underwear, sweatshirts, sweat pants, t-shirts and slippers in sizes large and up.

Regular sizes of body wash, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and deodorant are also requested.

All donations should be left unwrapped and placed in the tub in the Narthex. Thank you for any assistance you can give to this outreach.

Donations for the Ladies of CM- 6 and Danville State Hospital are due by Sunday, December 7, 2025.



Christmas Flower Orders: The order form for Christmas flowers is available today in the narthex. Flower orders must be ordered by next Sunday, November 23. You may return order forms to the collection plate or the church office. Thank you!



Please join us on Sunday, November 30, for our annual Advent Wreath-making event. We will gather in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:15 ish) to 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 Haussmann 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.



175th Anniversary Committee

The 175th Anniversary of the founding of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (formed as the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church) will take place in early 2027. This milestone anniversary is worthy of celebration, and we would like to begin planning for this special occasion. In an effort to accomplish this task, a 175th Anniversary Committee has been formed, and our first meeting took place in September. If you missed this meeting, no worries! We are meeting again in Middle Lounge on **Sunday, November 23 after the 10:30 service**. If you are interested please come ~ along with any and all ideas you may have. If you are interested but can't make this meeting, please reach out to Vicki Haussmann. Looking forward to seeing you there!



St. Mark's Church Council cordially invites you to attend a brunch immediately following the December 7th Annual Congregational Meeting. Our brunch menu, catered by The Food Guy, is tentatively set for quiche, egg casserole fresh fruit, sweet treats, and beverages and will be served in Fellowship Hall. 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 November 30 so that we have an accurate count to give to the caterer. You can drop your RSVP in the offering plate any time!
Thanks!

**Annual Congregational Meeting
Brunch RSVP**

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Please return by: November 30, 2025
* A free will donation will be taken.



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