

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S BETHANY

We're so glad you're worshipping with us today. At St. Mark's, our mission is to build a family of believers who glorify God and help one another become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. May our hearts be centered not on earthly treasures, but on the kingdom of God that lasts forever.

March 15, 2026, 11:00 A.M.

The FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

WELCOME LITURGY

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us,
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

HYMN

My Jesus

HYMN

Open The Eyes of My Heart

PRAYER

Open Altar

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

On the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:23-29

23 So be careful, lest you forget the covenant that the Lord your God made with you and make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything that the Lord your God has forbidden you. 24 For the Lord your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God. 25 "When you have had children and children's children and become complacent in the land, if you act corruptly by making an idol in the form of anything, thus doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God and provoking him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to occupy; you will not live long on it but will be utterly destroyed. 27 The Lord will scatter you among the peoples; only a few of you will be left among the nations where the Lord will lead you. 28 There you will serve gods made by human hands, objects of wood and stone that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 From there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul.

MESSAGE

REV. RANDY WADE

STORING, SERVING AND STRIVING
FROM THE SERMON SERIES "THE PEOPLE OF SALT & LIGHT"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:19-34

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' 32 For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

COMMUNION LITURGY

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

COMMUNION

HYMN

Daily Bread

PRAYER

HYMN

Firm Foundation

CHURCH LIFE

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Go in peace, storing your treasure in heaven,
serving the Lord with joy, and striving first for the kingdom of God.*

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