WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S BETHANY

We're so glad you joined us for worship today. Our mission is to build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.



August 31, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN #531

To God Be The Glory

PRAYER

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, died, 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.

OFFERING REMINDER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN #19

This Is My Father's World

MESSAGE

REV. KEITH CRESSMAN

THE EDEN COVENANT

SCRIPTURE READING

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, 5 for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

- 8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."
- $21\,\mbox{And}$ the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife and clothed them.
- 23 therefore the Lord God sent them forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which they were taken.

 -- Genesis 3:1-10, 21, 23
- 15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
- 18 For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.
- 24 Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:15, 18-20, 24-25

PRAYER

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.

HYMN Is He Worthy

HYMN Worthy Of It All

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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