

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. As we conclude our Faith Promise journey, may we celebrate the ascended Christ who reminds us that building His kingdom takes everyone, takes heart, and ultimately takes Jesus.

May 17, 2026 | 9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN #277

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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.

PRAYER

OFFERING REMINDER

ANTHEM

We'll Join the Everlasting Song

Choir

HYMN #269

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

MESSAGE

REV. RANDY WADE

"IT TAKES JESUS"

FROM THE SERMON SERIES

"WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD THE KINGDOM"

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

COMMUNION

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 #31

How Great Is Our God

HYMN #275

Before the Throne of God Above

PRAYER

HYMN #646

The Church's One Foundation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

POSTLUDE

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