

## 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 worship today, may we open our hearts to the blessings from Him, growing in grace, and becoming people who reflect His love and compassion in all we do.

February 22, 2026, 11:00 A.M.  
The **FIRST SUNDAY** of LENT

### WELCOME LITURGY

*Psalm 67:1-2*

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

### INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### HYMN

*Believe For It*

### HYMN

*Christ Is Lower Still*

### 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

*Jeremiah 17:1-2*

17 The sin of Judah is written with an iron pen; with a diamond point it is engraved on the tablet of their hearts and on the horns of their altars, 2 while their children remember their altars and their sacred poles beside every green tree and on the high hills,

### MESSAGE

REV. ALLEN SMITH

### BLESSED

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 4:25-5:2**

25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

### 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

*God of Every Grace*

### PRAYER

### HYMN

*Promises*

### 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, strengthened by God, bearing His fruit,  
and sharing His blessings wherever you go.*

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