

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 | 11:00 A.M.

WELCOME LITURGY

Psalm 145:10-13

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power**

To make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

HYMN

The Lion And The Lamb

HYMN

Worthy Of It All

PRAYER

Open Altar

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

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

Psalm 145:10-13

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the
Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. 2 It is in vain that you rise
up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil, for he gives
sleep to his beloved.

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 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

Good Plans

HYMN

In Christ Alone

PRAYER

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.**

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