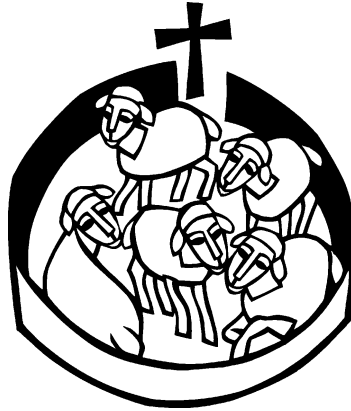


# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

welcomes you!

April 21,  
2024



The Fourth  
Sunday of  
Easter

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (*1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays - Chapel*)

### SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

*in-person & streaming*

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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*The Reverend Brian M. Robison, Pastor*

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**PLEASE** wear a **mask/face** covering *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

**To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! “*Quiet Bags*” (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

**Parish Hall and Restrooms** are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

**Assistive listening devices** and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

**PRELUDE**

*“Meditation on Brother James’ Air”*

*by F. Ashdown*

**WELCOME** *Please STAND as you are able*

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**HYMN FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!**

**GATHERING HYMN “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”**

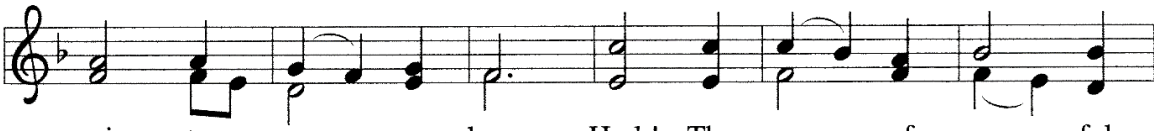
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep-ter,



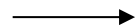
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus





out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

**GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

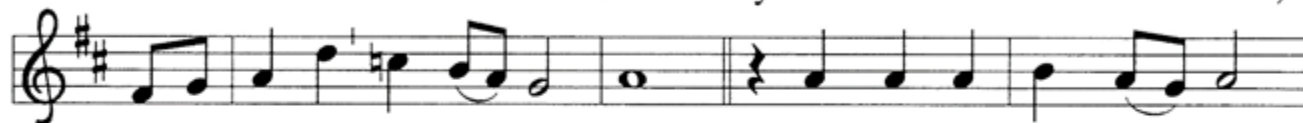
**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**"This is the Feast"**

**ELW 140**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



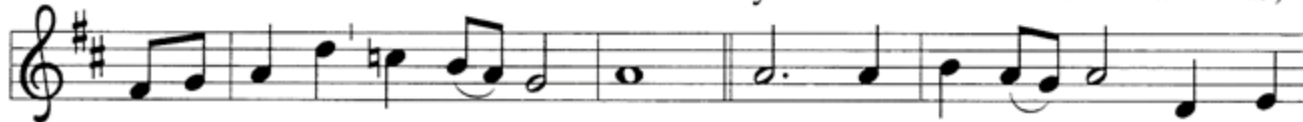
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

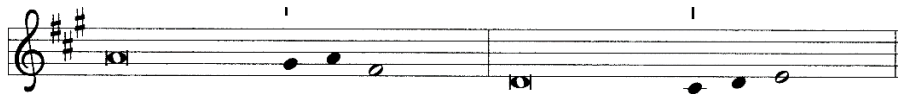
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 23** *sung responsively between choir and congregation by whole verse*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we

will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE** *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please SIT*

**SERMON**

**The Rev. S. Blake Duncan, guest preacher**

*Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *The names of those for whom we pray aloud are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the Mark Times newsletter. The response to God of grace, is **Hear our prayer...***

**Eleanor Benton, Al Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill, Bruce Martens, Greg Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, & Carol Weshinsky**

## MEAL

**PEACE** *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Please be respectful to those who wish to do so from a distance. Following **the Peace**, you may be **seated** for a few moments*

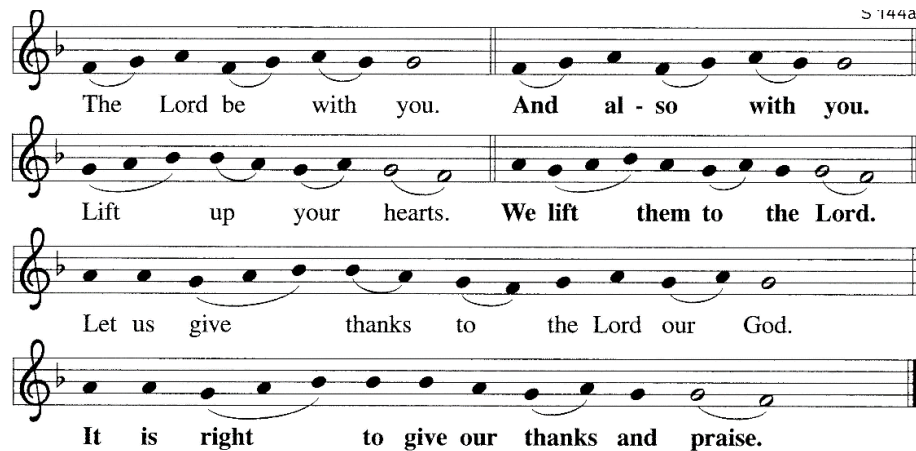
*Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.*

**ST. MARK CHANCEL CHOIR** "All to You" by Dana Mengel; *Flutist: Nick Baker*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Assistant: Let us pray together... **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.***

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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*It is indeed right...we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *contemporary*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Please SIT*

*Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.*

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

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## SONG DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Shepherd Me, O God”

ELW 780

**FLUTE SOLO** by Nick Baker

*After the distribution is complete, please **STAND** as you are able for the blessing.*

## TABLE BLESSING

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts”

ELW #204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...

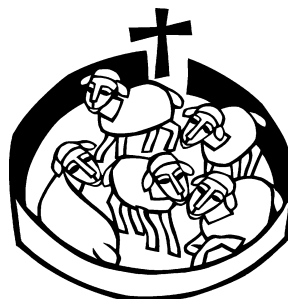
**Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power and unending joy – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you now and forever. **Amen.**





1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

"Duo"

by L.N. Clerambault

### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Guest Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. S. Blake Duncan + **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tributou

**Crucifer:** Frank Dressel + **Lector:** Aaron Fuchs + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

**Chalice Bearer & Livestream Camera:** Mike Murakami

**Trained Responder:** Missy Kimbrell + **Ushers:** Rick Crosby & Rex Rothgangel

## **Prayer Intentions**

### **St. Mark Members**

Eleanor Benton, Al Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill, Bruce Martens, Greg Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, & Carol Weshinsky

### **St. Mark Family and Friends**

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Susan Carson, Christine, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Michelle Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Toni Walston, Kris Whitley, Louise Wilson, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

### **Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military**

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

### **Members who celebrate birthdays this week**

Cheri Batten (4/21), Janet Jacquot (4/23), Judy Kohlmeier (4/23), Rachel Southers (4/25), and Tom Partelow (4/27)

### **Members who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week**

Karen & Will Eggemeyer (4/27)

### **Land Acknowledgement**

St. Mark Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Quapaw and Myaamia peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

# MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for April 21, 2024

## THE WEEK AHEAD:

<b>Monday 4/22:</b>	6:00PM	Pastoral Care Committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council - conference room
<b>Tuesday 4/23:</b>	5:30PM	Food Pantry meeting – conference room
<b>Wednesday 4/24:</b>	1:00PM	Worship committee meeting – conference room
<b>Thursday, 4/25:</b>	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15PM	Voice Choir Rehearsal

***There will not be an Adult Forum class this morning, as Pastor is on vacation.***

## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation **through today, Sunday, April 21**. We are very happy to welcome back Pastor **S. Blake Duncan** as our guest preacher and presider this morning!

**In case of pastoral emergency**, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528**.



## Joint Service NEXT Sunday at 10AM!

You won't want to miss the second annual joint service to celebrate the feast days of St. Mark (4/25) and St. George (4/23) **next Sunday, April 28 at 10:00AM**. A joint coffee and fellowship hour follows the service.

Making the day more special, we are thrilled and honored to welcome Central/Southern Illinois Synod Bishop Greg Busboom to deliver the sermon and greet members after the service, as well as giving some insight on his first year as bishop.

## BEACON Trivia Night THIS Saturday!

It's not too late to get in on the fun and fellowship at Beacon's trivia night **THIS Saturday, April 27!** St. Mark Team Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex and the Parish Hall. You may sign up/pay by contacting Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148. Payment can be given to Sherri Foppe or paid by mailing checks to BEACON, P.O. Box 23468, Belleville, IL 62223 or use PayPal ([paypal.me/BeaconMinistry](https://paypal.me/BeaconMinistry)) *Please make checks payable to BEACON Ministry, be sure to write St. Mark Team in the check's memo line.*

St. Mark has one team participating and is looking for others to form a second team! Team members do not need to be members of St. Mark!

**St. Augustine of Canterbury** - 1910 West Belle, Belleville, IL 62226

**Doors open: 6:15PM;** Game starts: 7:00PM

Admission: \$20 per person

B.Y.O.S. (Bring Your Own Snacks); Beer, Wine, Soda, & Water available for purchase

**SILENT AUCTION, 50/50 RAFFLES AND MORE WILL ADD TO THE FUN!**



## Donate Eclipse Glasses and Get a Discount!



Through the end of April, bring your used or unused eclipse glasses to **LongStory Coffee** (732 S. Illinois Street) and receive \$1.00 off your drink purchase for that day! The glasses will be sent to Latin America for school children to use for their eclipse observation in October.



## Mark Times Newsletter Deadline

The Mark Times Newsletter is printed on Thursday each week. The deadline to add announcements to the newsletter is by Wednesday the week *prior* to the Sunday it needs to be included.

## April Monthly Mission Donations: OBK and Beacon

**\$300 to Our Brothers' Keepers (OBK)** Since Kirsten Peterson's Adult Forum presentation on February 11, many folks have expressed realizing how much they were unaware of regarding the difficult process former inmates struggle with in attempting to rejoin communities as productive citizens. The 60-day rule was shocking to many of us! Want to know more? Visit their website <https://obkministry.org/> or contact them at obkministry2@gmail.com.

***Their Mission:*** OBK is an ecumenical faith-based organization dedicated to the full inclusion of former individuals in custody (returning citizens), into St. Clair County, Illinois community.

OBK assists returning citizens in attaining productive citizenship through an array of reentry services, including counseling, life and employment skills training, and referrals to supportive services in order to build community, family and faith-based relationships. OBK reaches out to all social and human services providers, faith communities and government agencies, and to businesses, to help in the process of full inclusion.

***Their Vision:*** We aspire to be an organization that honors the talents and contributions of all its stakeholders including clients, employees, volunteers, donors and vendors. As we assist returning citizens in finding real solutions to their critical needs, no one is left behind: we all progress together, care for the welfare of each other, and help each other grow in personal maturity and independence.

### **Their Core Values:**

***Accompaniment*** is the act of providing emotional, physical and spiritual support to people in need as well as walking in their shoes as a critical part in recognizing the human dignity and experiences of every person.

***Growth*** is the capacity for people to develop their humanity emotionally, physically and spiritually in union with others who provide peer counseling to overcome the traumas of life and give all hope and confidence to succeed.

***Respect*** recognizes all people worthy of high regard and esteem for the human dignity of each as decent and capable of good character behavior.

**\$300 to Beacon Ministry** Beacon is still in the rebuilding phase due to loss of volunteers during COVID. Several financial adjustments have been made but volunteers and financial assistance are needed to continue the rebuilding! Volunteers are specifically needed to pick up and deliver donated furniture. Volunteers are also needed for organizing donated linens and household products.

**St. Mark Offerings for 4/14:** Operating Fund: **\$5,458.1** (including online giving received by 4/12); Food Pantry/Barb Wurdinger Memorials: \$100; Disaster Relief: \$343.33; Sunday Morning Coffee: \$150