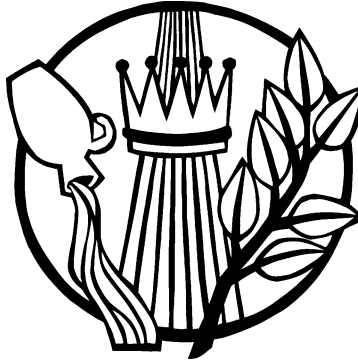


Welcome to
ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

September 15,
2024



The
Seventeenth
Sunday after
Pentecost

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (*1st 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

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 "Jesus is Lord" Arr. by L. Warriner

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - the one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

You may KNEEL or remain as you are. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in our time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Please STAND as you are able

GATHERING HYMN "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW 774



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms?



what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

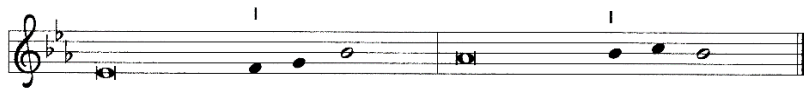
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9 *chanted in responsively between choir and congregation*



¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

²**for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name¹ of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you,¹ save my life."

⁵Gracious is the¹ LORD and righteous;

our God is full¹ of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches o-¹ver the innocent;

I was brought low,¹ and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest,¹ O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt¹ well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my¹ life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my¹ feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence¹ of the LORD

in the land¹ of the living.

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

S 151a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

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

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please SIT*

SERMON

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

ELW 808



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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 back of this bulletin.*

*The response to "Hear us, O God," is **Your mercy is great...***

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

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Following **the Peace**, you may be seated for a few moments*

OFFERING *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.*

ANTHEM

"Whiter Than Snow"

St. Mark Men's Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous section, with lyrics written below each staff. A small 'S 153' is written above the first staff.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

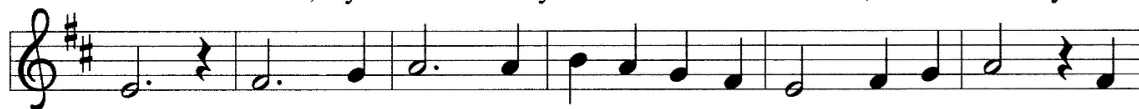
Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come forth, your God meets you here.

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*

S 154



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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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HYMN DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

“O God in Heaven”

ELW 748



1 O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and
 2 Je - sus, re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and
 3 Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the



bless - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -
 pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -
 wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the



nite us— O God in heav - en, au - thor of love.
 mor - row— Je - sus, re - deem - er, sav - ior, and friend.
 mourn - ful— Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

TABLE BLESSING *After the distribution is complete, please STAND as you are able.*

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

CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION “Now Lord”

ELW 201

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
 been ful-filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
 which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
 a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

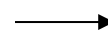
God all mighty, God most merciful – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW 798

1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as

 name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I

 grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

R. Lind

MINISTERS OF TODAY’S LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Greg Martens

Lector: Aaron Fuchs + **Crucifer:** Frank Dressel

Tech Minister & Chalice Bearer: Mike Murakami + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

Safety Volunteer: Jan Richards + **Ushers:** Danielle Tribout & Curt Gansmann

Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the **Quapaw, Myaamia, Kaskaskia,** and **Kickapoo** 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.

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

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

St. Mark Family and Friends

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Louise Wilson, Sue Witherell, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Lisa Reyes (9/19) and Beverlee Worley (9/20)

St. Mark Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Administrative Assistant: Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler

Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Ronald C. Neustadt

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for September 15, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, Sept. 16:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday, Sept. 18:	11:20AM	St. Mark Table Talk – conference room
Thursday, Sept. 19:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

TODAY'S Adult Forum: Tax Efficient Gifting/Tithing Strategies

Join us for this morning's education hour as we welcome First Command Financial Advisor **Steve Bione** to help us learn how **qualified charitable distributions (QCD)** or **donor advised funds (DAF)** can help reduce taxes even in today's higher standard deduction environment.

St. Mark Table Talk 9/18: "A Biblical Spice Rack"

THIS Wednesday, September 18 we resume the monthly "St. Mark Table Talk" Bible class, which will take place on **third Wednesdays** at **11:30AM** in the conference room. Bring your lunch and listen as Pastor Brian leads discussion of **"A Biblical Spice Rack: Herbs & Spices of the Ancient Near East."**



"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped make our participation in the ELCA's national day of service a big success! We will have a summary report and photos to share soon!

Church Picnic September 29

This year's church picnic will be **Sunday, September 29** from **noon to 3pm** at **Schranz Memorial Park in Swansea**. Format will be as in years past: bring food enough for you and your family, and a game to share. More info to come!



Joint Safety Volunteer AED/CPR Recertification Opportunity

The Joint Safety Committee of St George & St Mark's will be hosting an AED and CPR certification class. It is scheduled in the parish hall on **Saturday, October 19** from **9am-12noon**. The cost is **\$65 for recertification** or **\$75 for new certifications**.

We need additional Safety Volunteers, so if you've thought about joining the Safety Volunteer Team, or even the Joint Safety Committee, this is an ideal time. The AED/CPR certification is all that is required, in addition to a willingness to serve occasionally during church services.

I am available nearly anytime to answer any questions and/or provide greater detail.
Mark Bearth: mark.bearth@gmail.com or text 618-767-6543.

St. Mark Offerings for 9/1 & 9/8:

General Fund: \$5,697 (9/1) & \$1,283 (9/8); **Food Pantry:** \$343.33 (9/1) & \$150 (9/8);
Kris Whitley Memorials (Food Pantry): \$345 (9/8); **Thrivent:** \$80 (9/8)

Special Prayer Service for a Nation in Turmoil

St. George's hosts a service of **Evening Prayer with special prayers for the nation** on **first Mondays from now until Election Day**. The service will also feature a common recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient and traditional prayer of intercession, to beseech Almighty God for blessing and protection over the church and the world in the months leading up to Election Day.

Evening Prayer for the Nation will be held at **6:00PM** in the **chapel** on **October 7** and **November 4**. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor in witness to our faith.

Franklin School Lunch Packing

St. Mark will once again be packing and delivering free sack lunches this year to 20 needy students at Franklin School for holiday weekends. Our food shelves are stocked currently, but you can help by volunteering to pack lunches. It only takes about an hour on the last school day before **Columbus Day, election day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Spring Break & Memorial Day weekends**. See Peggy Andersen (618-791-0992) to sign up or to ask questions. Your support is so much appreciated by the Franklin children and staff and our Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee!

Chili Cook-Off Help Wanted!

Belleville's annual Chili Cook-Off is **Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12**. The production and sale of St. George's chili benefits both congregations, and volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Plans are to make and sell at least 200 gallons of White Chili this year.



Chicken cooking is scheduled **9:00AM-3:00PM** on **Wednesdays September 18, 25, October 2 & 9**. Each cooking day will need two three-hour shifts of two people to accomplish the grinding, cooking and bagging of the cooked chicken.

A signup sheet for helping with cooking is in the Parish Hall on the wall opposite the stairs.

Don't "Fall" for Scams

Periodically, members report receiving **scam emails and texts claiming to come from Pastor Brian**. Here are some quick ways to check on the legitimacy of any message you receive:

- Check the sender's email address, if possible. Pr. Brian's email is pastor@stmarkbelleville.org or worship@stmarkbelleville.org, and the church office is office@stmarkbelleville.org. If the message doesn't come from one of those, it's likely bogus.
 - A computer expert told us that if the scam email is not from one of the email addresses above, it is likely that it is *your* email (or someone in your contact list) that has been hacked – not Pastor's.
- The word "Reverend" is always properly preceded by the indefinite article "The," as in "The Reverend Brian Robison," NOT simply "Reverend Brian" or "Rev. Brian." If the article is missing, that should be a red flag. Plus, Pr. Brian will generally sign his emails as "+PB" or "Pastor Brian."
- Pastor Brian will NEVER, EVER ask you to purchase gift cards or anything else through an email or text, unless he's already spoken to you previously about it.
- DO NOT click on any links or open any attachments unless you've verified that the message is real.
- If you're still not sure, call Pastor Brian directly or contact the church office. Otherwise, simply delete the message or flag it as spam.