

Welcome to

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

November 3,
2024



All Saints
Sunday

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

PRELUDE

“It is Well With My Soul”

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *Please STAND as you are able and turn to the font*

Blessed be the one God – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Blessed are you, holy God,

You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit and breathe new life into us, who have been washed in the waters of baptism. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

ELW 422, vv. 1-2, 5, 7

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.**

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1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 *chanted in responsively between choir and congregation*



¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it up- on the seas
and established it up- on the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
 they will be his peoples,
 and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 Death will be no more;
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
 for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

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

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
 Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

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

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud

voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

SERMON

"Grief Unbound"

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Behold the Host Arrayed in White"

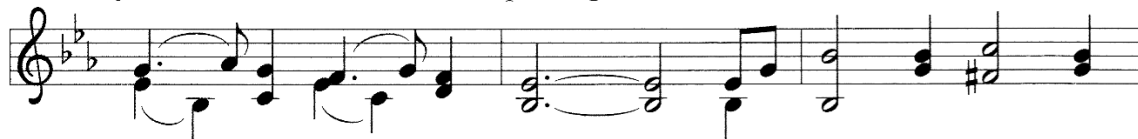
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1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad
2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in
3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -
heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they
you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light! These are the saints who
shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through
scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He
bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -
home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in



is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -
formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their
tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the



stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
fears. For now they have the best at last; they
seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O



sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when
keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our
saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let



they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lord com - mands; he is both host and guest.
heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us and who have died.

Let us pray... O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially those who have passed from this life in the last year and whom we name before you now...

A single toll of a bell follows the name of each person who has passed since last All Saints Sunday.

THE SAINTS WE REMEMBER TODAY

** indicates those who have died since 11/1/2023 (listed in order by date if provided)*

Name of Deceased	Requested by
Gage Simons* (11/2/2023)	Whitaker & Simons Families
James "Jim" Jolley* (11/13/2023)	Ruth & Roger Carnaghi
Allen Yocks*(12/22/2023)	Cathie Shurtleff
Greg Whittier* (1/22/2024)	Mike & Cheryl Whitaker
Sandra Purdy* (2/5/2024)	St. Mark
Elroy Luffman* (2/21/2024)	Anita Robinson
Aurelia "Sis" Bain* (3/27/2024)	St. Mark
Barb Wurdinger* (4/10/2024)	Schaefer, Bamvakais, & Fields Families
Donna Martin* (4/17/2024)	Mike & Sherri Foppe
Clifford Culpepper* (4/2024)	John & Peggy Andersen
Dorothy Brown* (4/20/2024)	Becky Schnitzius
Jennifer Whitaker* (4/29/2024)	Whitaker Family
Jill Wegener* (5/8/2024)	Rex & Kathy Rothgangel
Alvin Boxdorfer* (6/4/2024)	Mary Boxdorfer
Allen Dowty* (6/5/2024)	Curtis & Marva Dowty
Melinda Parmeter* (6/5/2024)	Pr. Brian
Kathleen Brighton* (6/9/2024)	St. Mark
Matthew Studtmann* (6/16/2024)	St. Mark
Suzie Whittier* (7/27/2024)	Whitaker Family
Pam Clark* (7/27/2024)	St. Mark
Cindy Schuepbach* (7/28/2024)	Benedick & Fuchs Families
Kris Whitley* (8/25/2024)	Rothgangel & Ott Families
Wilma Waltemate* (8/29/2024)	Lucy Montgomery
Quentin Lauer* (9/12/2024)	Mary Boxdorfer
Ken Smith*	Rick & Elizabeth Crosby
Wil & Jean Martens	Martens Family
Frank, Lucille, & Al Nork	Mary V. Skifton
Lenny Mueller	Mary V. Skifton
Marylou Kockmann	Mary V. Skifton
Richard and Maxene Batten	Cheri Batten
Edna Batten	Cheri Batten
Gladys Lindsey	Cheri Batten

Kenneth Lindsey
Richard Boxdorfer
Mary Alice Stackle
Jerry Stackle
Angela Blockyou
Doris & Otto Grab
Floyd & Elva Benedick
Cindy Benedick Schuepbach
Jacob Benedick
Christopher Andersen
Hulda & Andy Andersen
Arnold & Margaret Braeutigam
Jack Braeutigam
George & Anita Shafer
Don Hoferkamp
Eileen Robertson
Stan Shafer
Andrew Duncan
Charles & Kathlen Duncan
Carlo & Alma Hooker
Darrell & Darlene Wurdinger
Jay, Arwen, & Donna Fields
Valerie Schlacher
Faye Voellinger
Roland Jacquot
Noah Jacquot
Richard Shroat
Gary Shroat
Marilyn Gordon
Gunnar Thoren
Ted Crosby
Phyllis Crosby
Jim Montgomery
Walter & Mary Appuhn
Geri Jolley
Ed & Norma Townsend
Ken & Edna Tegtmeier
Frank & Florence Rouse
Al Patrick
Kelly Costello

Cheri Batten
Mary Boxdorfer
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Benedick & Fuchs Families
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Andersen Family
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Andersen Family
Kathy Casey
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Charlie & Evelyn Duncan
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Bamvakais, Schaefer, & Fields Families
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Bamvakais, Schaefer, & Fields Families
Janet Jacquot
Janet Jacquot
Wilma Shroat
Wilma Shroat
Rick & Elizabeth Crosby
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Lucy Montgomery
Lucy Montgomery
Ruth & Roger Carnaghi
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Ken & Nancy Tegtmeier
Ken & Nancy Tegtmeier
Sue Patrick
Sue Patrick

Bob Gentsch
Frank & Pat Barhorst
Mary Ellen Partelow
The Rev. Dr. Richard Brendel
Don & Carmen Kniepkamp
Carol Jean & Roger Humphrey
Richard & Verona Ness
Les & Eunice Wassberg
Brenda Wassberg
Roger Gansmann
Gerlin & Doris Robison
Casimir & Dolly Orzel
Larry Hill
Rosa Steele
Gertrude Hill-Harris
Jack, Ed, & Jay Steele
Glenn Robinson
Marion & Oscar Loeschner
Marie & James Luffman
Nora Cardoza
Miguel Cardoza, Sr.
Andre Davis

Lois Gentsch
Tom & Tina Partelow
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Toni Brendel & Family
Keith Kniepkamp
Linda Ness
Dwight & Linda Ness
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Dwight & Linda Ness
Curt Gansmann
Pastor Brian & Family
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Mary Hill & Robison family
Mary Hill & Melanie Robison
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Robinson & Cardoza Families
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Anita Robinson & Randi Cardoza
Randi & Mike Cardoza; Anita Robinson
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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 “Merciful God,” is “Hear our prayer”...

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Carol Kugler, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, 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.*

ST. MARK CHANCEL CHOIR “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” by James Kirby

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

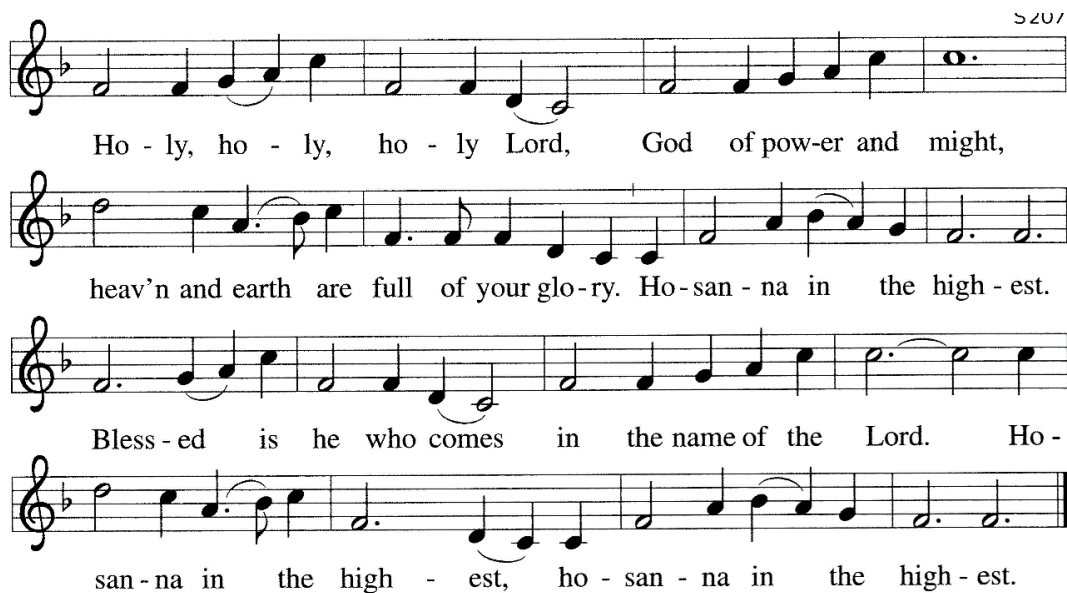
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

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



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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Traditional*

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

Behold, God is making all things new. Come; take your place in the new creation.

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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.*

HYMN DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun. →

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home.

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 426



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

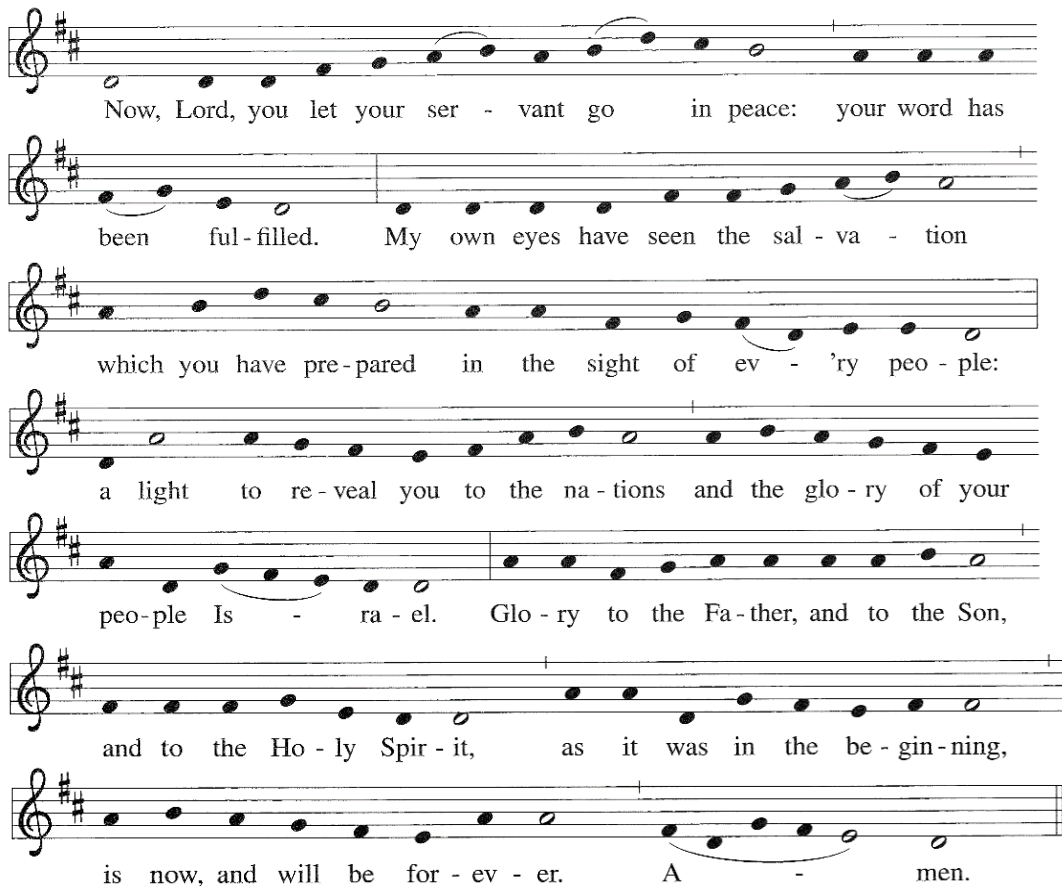
TABLE BLESSING *After the distribution is complete, please STAND as you are able.*

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

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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... **Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you now and forever. **Amen.**





1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
 3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
 Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
 Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
 God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
 Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
 when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Vivace”

Telemann

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

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

Lector: Charlie Duncan + **Crucifer:** Rex Rothgangel

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

Safety Volunteer: Cathie Shurtleff + **Ushers:** Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

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, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Carol Kugler, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, & Carol Weshinsky

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Doug Carpenter, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Herb Halwachs, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Mike Koeneman, 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, Chris Parmeter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Michael Robison, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Bob Vaughn, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Sue Witherell, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Debra Monfre (11/5), Jeni Dressel (11/6), and Katelyn Kilzer (11/6)

GriefShare: *Surviving the Holidays* Event on November 16

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and with it comes a focus on family, traditions, social events, and cheer—all of which can cause difficult emotions to surface. Whether this is the first, second, or tenth holiday after a loved one's death, the emotions that may arise in the days ahead can blindside us. And just like road signs - which show us what's ahead on unfamiliar roads with rough patches and curves - *Surviving the Holidays* guides us through this holiday season. In this one-time session, you'll find support and direction to navigate the holidays in a healthy way.

If any of this rings true for you, please plan to join us for this very special event **hosted by St. Mark** and **led by Nurse Becky** in the **Parish Hall** on **Saturday, November 16** from **1:00PM to 3:00PM**. You'll watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and start using your Survival Guide, which has encouragement and helpful tips for the days ahead. These tools will help you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance.

We are offering this event for **FREE**, but **pre-registration is required**. Please **register at** <https://www.griefshare.org/events/250868>



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NEWS and NOTES for November 3, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, November 4:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
	6:00PM	Evening Prayer for the Nation - chapel
Wednesday, Nov. 6:	10:30AM	Joint Use Task Force – conference room
Thursday, Nov. 7:	6:15PM	Bell choir rehearsal
	7:00PM	Voice choir rehearsal
Saturday, November 9:	9:00AM	Property work day

All Saints Sunday

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the feast of All Saints. The names of deceased loved ones that were entered into our Book of Remembrance are listed in today's Order of Worship. The names marked with an asterisk are those who have passed into everlasting life since last All Saints Sunday. Those names will be read aloud during the service, with the toll of a bell after each name.



Today's Adult Forum: *The 10 Strangest Foods in the Bible*

There are hundreds of passages in the Bible that describe food, drink and dining. Many biblical stories are set within the context of a meal. While most of these are about regular meals, others refer to more **bizarre, extreme or supernatural cases of eating and drinking**. As we enter the month of our Thanksgiving feasts, join Pastor Brian after worship to learn about ten of the most notable examples of strange foods you *won't* be tempted to include in your dinner plans!



Prayer Service for the Nation before Election Day

Like so many Americans, perhaps you are feeling anxious and apprehensive about this week's election. If so, please consider coming to church for a service of **Evening Prayer for the Nation** at **6:00PM** in the **chapel** this **Monday, November 4**. The service features a recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient prayer of intercession, to beseech God for protection over the church and the world on the day prior to Election Day. All are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor to witness our faith.



Pumpkin Palooza returns November 10! On Sunday, November 10, we will have a **bake sale** between and after all three services to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**. Put it on your calendar now to **bake, shop and join the fun** for a very important ministry.

Star Trek Saturday moves to Federation Friday on November 15 at 6:00PM in the PH

General Assembly Meeting on November 17

On November 17 during the Adult Forum hour in the Parish Hall, a meeting of the General Assembly will be held to review proposed By-Law revisions and to discuss the 2025 Church Spending Guide/Budget, both of which will be voted on at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 1. This meeting will allow us to answer questions regarding the By-Law revisions and budget, and to make tweaks to the latter before approval at the Church Council meeting on November 25. Please plan to attend!

Matching Funds for ELCJHL

Our monthly charitable donation for December is for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and we have a fund to match any donations! For the month of November, all additional contributions designated for the ELCJHL will be matched and added to our regular donation to double the help we can give in support of our fellow Lutherans in the Holy Land.

Downtown Belleville Trick or Treat!

It was a beautiful evening to share with some 800+ children and adults in a vast array of costumes! Although the kids and parents enjoyed the Halloween suckers (with an invitation to visit us attached) and hot cocoa, having pictures taken with Ant-Man (PB) and Spider-Man (PB's friend Jason) was the hit of the night!

Thank you to all the volunteers (including those who helped label 1000 suckers!), and the Thrivent Action Team grant that made this community event happen again this year!



Reformation Dinner & Hymn Fest



THANKS to everyone who helped make last Saturday's Reformation dinner and hymn-fest a wonderfully fun event! Special thanks to Carol Kugler for playing the hymns and to all who helped with set-up, clean-up, and who brought food. Another lovely example of Reformation Day fellowship!

St. Mark Offerings for 10/27: General Fund: \$3,974.11; Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays event on Nov. 16 – details on the back page of the bulletin