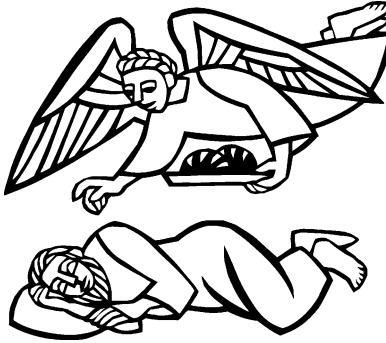


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ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

August 11,
2024



The Twelfth
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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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

“Conuerte Nos”

Peggy Andersen & Mary Carnahan, Recorder

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the one God - Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

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

God, our provider, **help us. It is difficult to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of our world. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: in his name, + you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love’s vic - t’ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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... Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

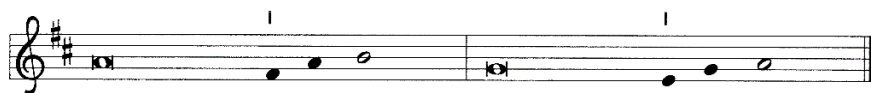
WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8 *chanted in unison*



- ¹I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ²I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
- ³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
- ⁴I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
- ⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- ⁶I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

⁸Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



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

Repeat alleluia once

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

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

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not

that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

SERMON **The Rev. Dr. Greg G. Busboom, Bishop, Central/Southern Illinois Synod**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

ELW 542



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

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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.**

RECOGNITION OF THE REV. RONALD C. NEUSTADT AS PASTOR EMERITUS

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, Mary Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Curtis Dowty, 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.

OFFERTORY

"Simple Gifts"

Peggy Andersen & Mary Carnahan, Recorder

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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.

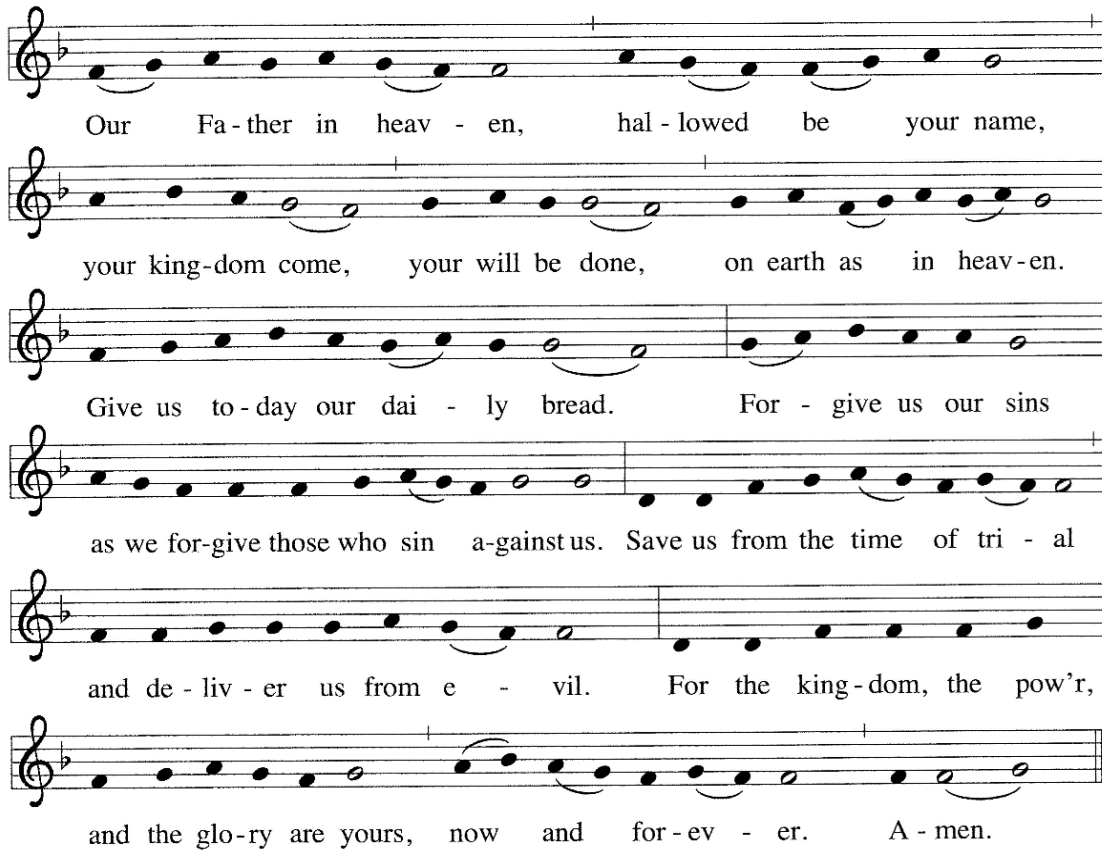
It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... and join in their unending hymn:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

♪ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

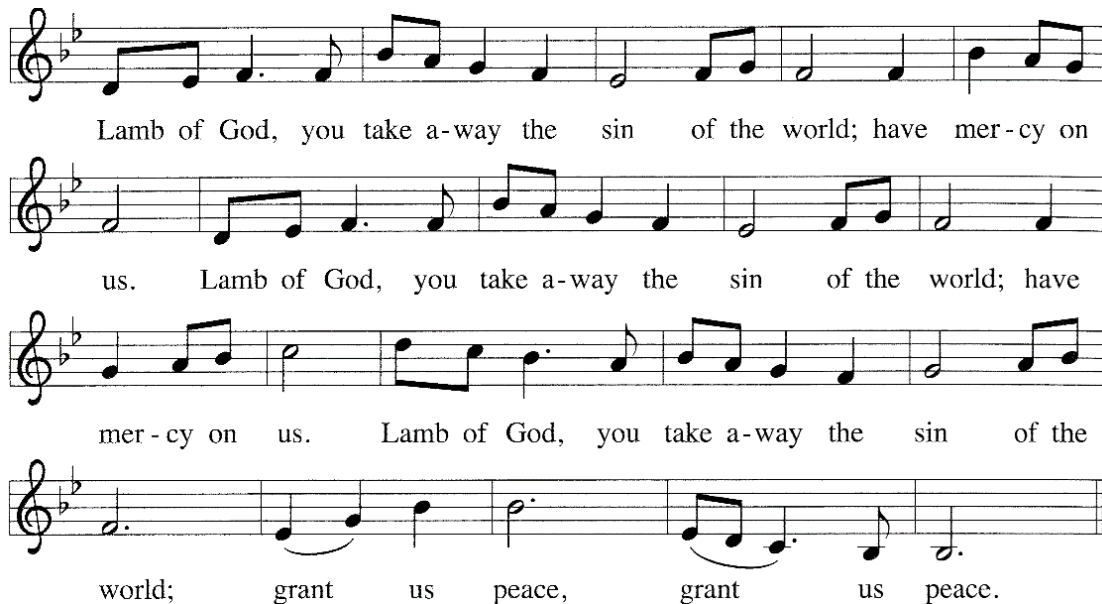


Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come forth and receive life!

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*



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.*

HYMN DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

ELW 658



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

ELW 464



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

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 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW 206



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, O God, and lead us forth in



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together...

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises ”

ELW 535

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider & Lector: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Guest Preacher:** Bishop Greg G. Busboom

Assisting Minister: Greg Guenther + **Crucifer:** Frank Dressel

Chalice Bearer & Tech Minister: Mike Murakami + **Guest Organist:** Nancy Ypma

Safety Volunteer: Missy Kimbrell + **Ushers:** Rick Crosby & Rex Rothgangel

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Mary Boxdorfer, Toni Brendel, Curtis Dowty, 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

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer,
Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, 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, 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, Cara Quinn, Goldie Rideout,
Michael Robison, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David
& Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Kris Whitley, 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

Vivienne Bearth (8/11), Diane Martens (8/15), Cody Buck (8/15), Carolyn Simard (8/16),
Jordan Renner-Brown (8/16), Charlie Duncan (8/17), and Ivan Kohlmeier (8/17)

Members celebrating wedding anniversaries this week

Tom & Tina Partelow (8/11), Jan & Tim Richards (8/15), and David & Marsha Brauer (8/16)

Members who have Entered Everlasting Life

Pamela "Pam" Clark (7/27)

Members who Grieve the Loss of Loved Ones

The family and friends of Suzanne Whittier (Mike Whitaker's sister, 7/28)
The family and friends of Cindy Schuepbach (Craig Benedick's sister, 7/28)

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.

MARK TIMES

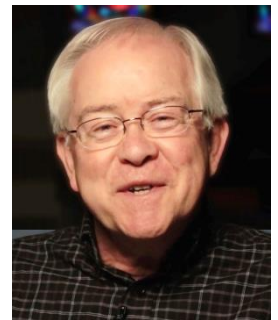
NEWS and NOTES for August 11, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, August 12: 9:00AM Health & Wellness team meeting – conference room
Wednesday, Aug. 14: 12:00PM Ladies Lunch Bunch at Eckert's restaurant
Friday, August 16: 5:00PM Guys' Nite – circle driveway

Honoring Pastor Ron Today!

Today in worship we celebrate a most significant event along the faith journey of this congregation and the greater Church in bestowing the honor of *pastor emeritus* upon the **Rev. Ron Neustadt**, former long-time pastor of St. Mark, as we also pay tribute to his **50th ordination anniversary**. We welcome our guests and especially Bishop Greg Busboom of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod, who will deliver the sermon and bring greetings from the synod. A cake and punch reception follows in the Parish Hall. Thank you for joining us for this special celebration!



Second Sunday Food Collection

Today, Sunday, August 11 is our **monthly focus on food pantry donations**, and for August we ask folks to bring **soup, canned meats, and pasta sauce**. Please place them in the big basket as you come into church. **The donations will be blessed next Sunday.*

Ladies Lunch Bunch This Week!

All St. Mark ladies are invited to join the Lunch Bunch at **Eckert's** (951 S. Green Mount Road, Belleville) **THIS Wednesday, August 14 at 12:00 noon**. Contact Cindy Collingham at 816-387-3302 if you have questions.

Guys' Nite This Week!

The Guys' Nite event for the men (age 14+) of St. George's and St. Mark (and friends!) will be held in the **circle driveway** area **THIS Friday, August 16 at 5:00PM** (food served at 6PM). Fly solo or bring a friend and enjoy an evening of beverages, brats, games and more! The event is free but a donation of \$20 per person is suggested to help offset the cost; any money remaining after expenses will be donated to the Chapel Organ fund. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Bob Vaughn (618-593-7263) or Greg Guenther (618-910-4597).



Choirs Resume in September

Only one month of summer left, and only one month until Chancel and Bell Choirs resume rehearsals! **Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 5**. If you can carry a tune, the Chancel choir would love to welcome you.

Mae Newsome's 100th Birthday THANK YOU

Dear St. Mark family-

Thank you so much for your cards and prayers for Mae on her 100th birthday. We had a quiet time at home as things are slower and more precarious as the days go by. Your care, prayers and unwavering support have not gone unnoticed.

Thanks again,

Dick and Cheryl Newsome

Special Prayer Service for a Nation in Turmoil

In the wake of political violence that has rocked the country in recent times, St. George's is answering the call of Episcopal Bishop Brian Burgess for "a time of intentional intercessory prayer in the interest of witnessing to the world how it is that we commend the faith that is in us."

To that end, a service of **Evening Prayer with special prayers for the nation** will be held 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.

The partisanship and division that has become so commonplace in our political discourse has caused fear, anxiety, and hatred to fester in the land. We are called to confess our faith, to provide healing to a hurting world, and to put all our hope and trust in the Lord. God has blessed this nation with freedom and liberty; it's our charge to use those blessings for the good of all and to God's honor and glory.

Evening Prayer for the Nation will be held at **6:00PM** in the **chapel** on **September 2, October 7, and November 4**. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this very important endeavor in witness to our faith.

St. Mark is Now on Instagram!

Help us grow our following! If you already follow us on Facebook, or even if you don't, our Instagram feed is slightly different. Some things are posted to both, but not everything! Our Instagram is more photo-based, so you will see more artistic pics and words of inspiration on top of upcoming events!

Search for STMARKBELLEVILLE on Instagram, or use the QR code to find us!



Coffee Hour Teams

Being on a Coffee Hour team is not just "bringing snacks and making coffee;" it is a **ministry of service and hospitality** to our members and guests that is MUCH appreciated. If you would like to serve on a coffee hour team, or be a captain, or make a change to a different role on a team, please contact Melanie Robison in person or at 314-265-8722 or melanierobison@earthlink.com.

Save the Date!

Youth Gathering worship service and presentation on Sunday, August 25!

Joint Safety Volunteer AED/CPR Recertification Opportunity on Saturday October 19 from 9am-12noon in the Parish Hall. The cost is *\$65 for recertification or \$75 for new certifications*.

St. Mark Offerings for 8/4: Operating Fund: **\$1,479.11** (online giving received by 7/26);

Food Pantry: \$120; School Supply Drive: \$25