

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
welcomes you!

October 22,
2023



The 21st
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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Assistive listening devices and low vision items are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the one God who forms us, who bears the cross, and who makes our joy complete – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility as we confess our sin.

Please KNEEL or remain as you are

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“God is Here”

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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... Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

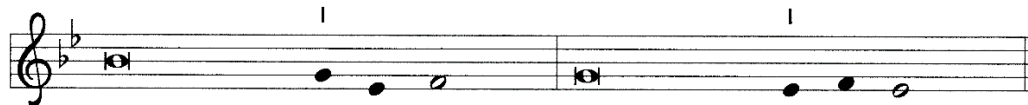
WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

PSALM 96:1-9 *sung responsively between choir and congregation*



¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;
 sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.**
⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

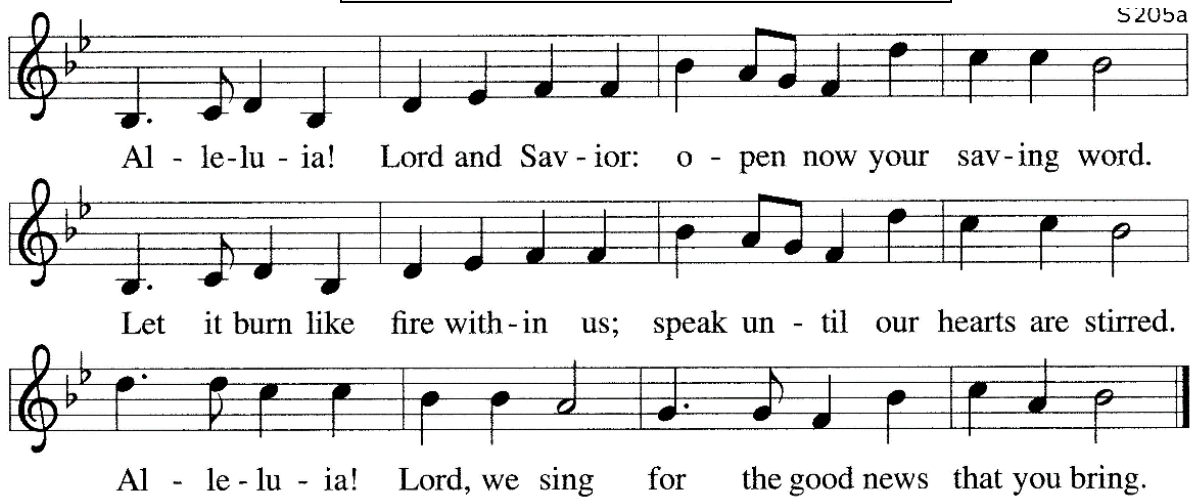
¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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

S205a



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: Matthew 22:15-22

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

¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Please SIT*

SERMON

The Rev. Brian M. Robison





1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred:



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
 all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
 O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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...*

**Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill, Bruce Martens,
Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Sandy Purdy,
Marilyn Robinson, Carol Weshinskey, Gary Weshinskey, & Barb Wurdinger**

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

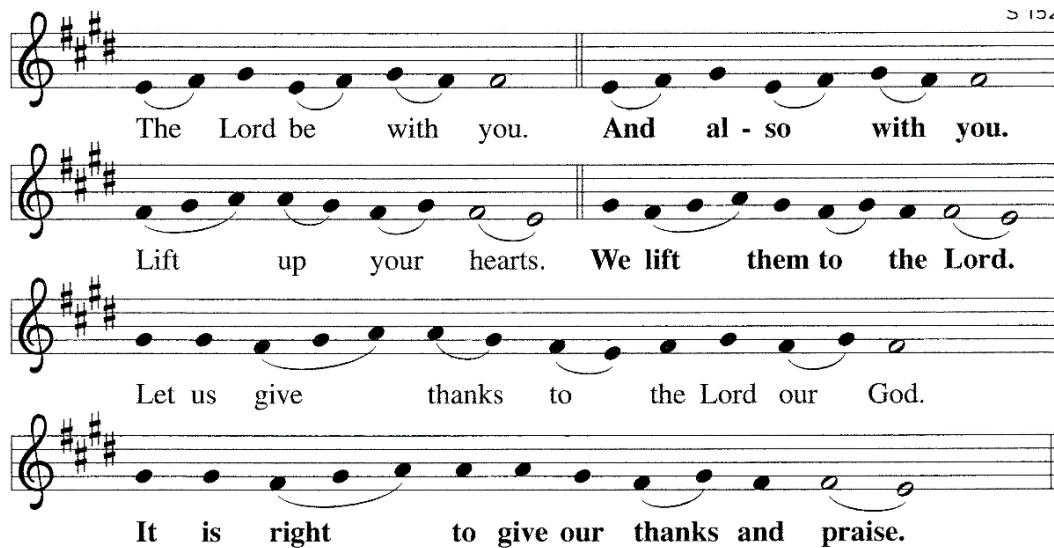
The Gift of Love

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OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

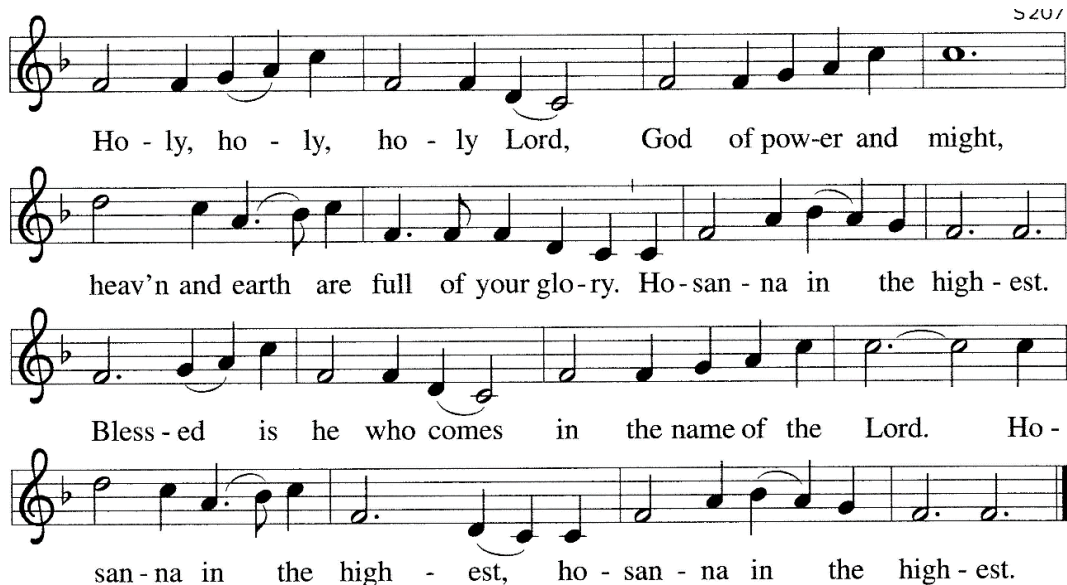
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened the way to everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

5207



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.

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 invites you to this table. Come forth, eat and live.

LAMB OF GOD

5208



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-ered 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 *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.*

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

ELW 494



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

“O God of Every Nation”

ELW 713



- 1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
- 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
- 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
- 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,





where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer-cy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

*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.**

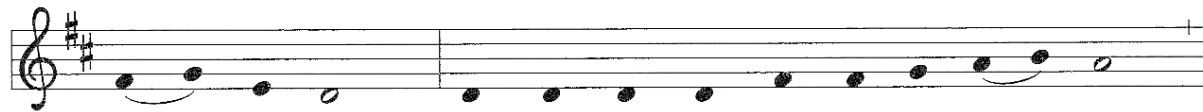
CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION

“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



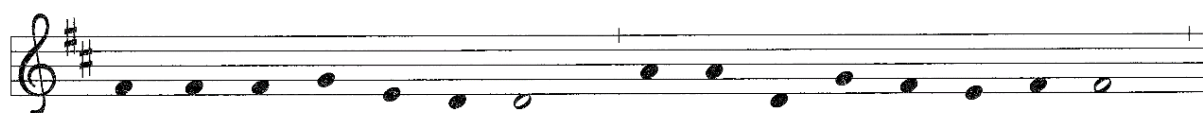
which you have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:



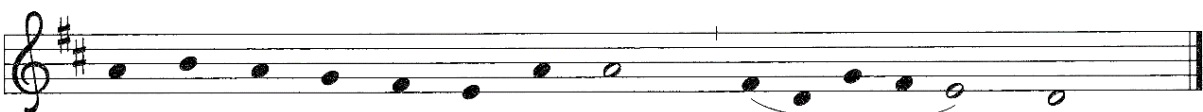
a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo - ry of your



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... **Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word - Jesus Christ - the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

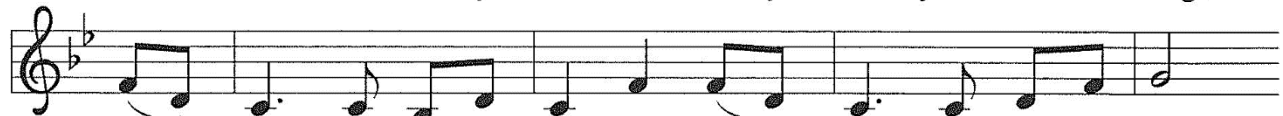
ELW 547



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mary Hill, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness,
Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Sandra Purdy, Marilyn Robinson,
Carol Weshinskey, Gary Weshinskey, & Barb Wurdinger

St. Mark Family and Friends

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

St. Mark Thanksgivings

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Jack Geppert (10/23), **Lucy Montgomery** (10/24), **Wally Kleist** (10/24), **Ellie Geppert** (10/25),
Jason Martens (10/26), and **Gary Weshinskey** (10/28)

We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week:

Cheryl & Jason Martens (10/25) and **Charlie & Evelyn Duncan** (10/26)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Sherri Foppe

Chalice Bearer: TBD + **Crucifer:** Greg Martens + **Lector:** Missy Kimbrell

Livestream Camera: Melanie Robison + **Ushers:** Kathy Casey & Nancy Guenther

Trained Responder: TBA

ST. MARK STAFF

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Administrative Assistant: Randi Cardoza + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

Music Director: Carol Kugler + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

MARK TIMES NEWS & NOTES FOR OCTOBER 22, 2023 *CONTINUED*

THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday 10/23:	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council
Thursday 10/26:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15PM	Voice Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/27:	5:30PM	Downtown Trick-or-Treat
Saturday 10/28:	6-8PM	Reformation Potluck & Hymn Fest

Downtown Belleville Trick-or-Treat THIS FRIDAY!



We're excited to participate in this community event **THIS Friday, October 27!**

We will hand out cups of hot chocolate, Christian-themed Halloween coloring sheets with an invitation to visit us, and other goodies.

We need VOLUNTEERS to make this a fun event for all! A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall for the following duties:

- 1) **SET UP 4:00 TO 5:15PM: 4-5 PEOPLE** to load 2 tables and 4 chairs at the church and set them up at our space on East Main, unload and set-up a 10 x 10 canopy then transport several 5-gallon containers of hot chocolate to our space. This group will also help decorate the space.
- 2) **HOT CHOCOLATE PREP: 4:00 TO 5:15PM: 2 PEOPLE** to heat water, fill containers and mix hot chocolate
- 3) **HANDOUT HOT CHOCOLATE, COLORING SHEETS AND OTHER GOODIES: 5:30 to 7:30: 4-6 PEOPLE** volunteer for an hour or 2 hours.
- 4) **TEARDOWN/CLEAN UP 7:30 TO 8:15PM: 4 PEOPLE** to pack up remaining products, break down tables, canopy, decorations, load and return items to the church and unload them.

Reformation Dinner & Hymn Fest is SATURDAY!

Join us **THIS Saturday** evening, **October 28** from **6-8PM** in the Parish Hall for the long-awaited return of an evening of **Reformation Day fellowship**, now with a **classic Lutheran potluck** and our beloved old-fashioned **hymn-sing!** Sign-up sheets to bring a dish are in the **Welcome Area/Narthex and Parish Hall.**



Pumpkin Palooza Coming Soon!

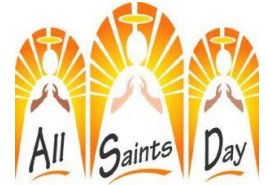
It's the '**Great Pumpkin**' Palooza, St. Mark and St. George's! On November 19 we will have a **bake sale** between and after all three services to **benefit our combined Food Pantry.** Put it on your calendar now to **bake, shop and join the fun** for a very important ministry. Soon we will have cans of pumpkin from our pantry available if you would like to take some for your baking, but you can bring any flavor of baked goods to sell. More details coming soon!



Our All Saints Sunday worship service is **Sunday, November 5** at 9:00AM.

Names of deceased loved ones may be entered into our Book of Remembrance, which is now on the St. Mark table in the Welcome Area. **You are welcome and encouraged to write names of any deceased loved ones you wish to remember.** You may also contact the church office (office@stmarkbelleville.org) to add a someone to the list.

All written names will be included in the worship folder, but **only the names** of those **who have died over the past year** will be read during the service, with a single toll of a bell after each name. Please mark a **star** or an **asterisk** next to the names of loved ones who have died in the last year.



Health & Wellness Happenings!

The Health and Wellness Ministry will be collecting items for a **care package** for member **Lisa Reyes**. Lisa lives in a nursing home in Florissant, MO. She enjoys teas, jelly beans, and yarn for knitting. Lisa also asked for novels that can be shared with her fellow residents. A basket will be in the narthex, and items will be picked up on October 29.

Also on October 29, Nurse Becky will present during the adult education hour. She will address **Health Literacy**, a hot topic in this era of electronic communication and patient-directed care. Plan to be there!

Save the Date - February 10 the Health and Wellness Ministry will be hosting a **Health Fair** for members of St. Mark and St. George. More details to follow.

If you have any **health concerns** or know **someone in need of prayer or support** please let a member of the Health and Wellness Ministry know. Information is kept confidential unless otherwise directed. Committee members include: Nurse Becky, Anita Robinson, Ann Martens, Janet Jacquot, Karen Eggemeyer, Gayle Hinkle, Cathie Shurtleff, and Kim Ott.

Seizure Awareness Class

The **Joint Safety Committee** of St. George's and St. Mark is sponsoring a class which will be taught by a representative of the **Epilepsy Foundation** of Greater Southern Illinois. This class is intended to educate and prepare us for the safe and correct care of a person exhibiting any type of seizure activity.

All **members** of the **Joint Safety Committee** and our respective **Safety Volunteers** are encouraged to sign up and attend. This class is **free of charge** and will take place on **Saturday, December 2, 2023**, from **10:00am - 11:30am** in the **Parish Hall**.

The class is open to any member of our congregations who may be interested in this opportunity.

To ensure we have the correct number of handouts and materials, it is important that you sign up. A signup sheet is on the St. Mark table in the Narthex. The last day to sign up is Tuesday, November 28. For more information, please contact Mark.Bearth@gmail.com or text him at (618) 767-6543.

Congratulations Taiylar!

Congratulations and prayers offered for **Taiylar Foppe** (Mike & Sherri Foppe's granddaughter and Will & Karen Eggemeyer's great-granddaughter), who completed her Navy A-school training on October 17. After a period of specialized training in Virginia, OSSA Foppe will serve aboard the USS Gerald Ford aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean region.

St. Mark Offerings Report for October 15

General Fund: **\$2,819.11** (*includes online offerings received by 10/6*); Food Pantry: \$404

St. Mark T-Shirt Ideas 2023 – *Ballot 2*

Please circle your top 3 favorites and return them to the box on the St. Mark table in the Narthex any time before Tuesday, October 31.

*Including those specified below, all shirts will have “St. Mark Lutheran Church” somewhere on the finished product

****Mock-up examples can be found in the ballot bin in the Narthex and on the table in the Parish Hall below the St. Mark bulletin board**

1. *Front, in “Indiana Jones” font:* St. Mark Lutheran Church

Back, under image of the Ark of the Covenant: It is Well with my Soul

John 14:27 www.stmarkbelleville.org 2. *Front, in “Guardians of the Galaxy” font:*

St. Mark Lutheran Church *Back:*

Come and Get Your Love

1 John 4:7 3.

Front of shirt, in “Star Trek” font:

St. Mark Lutheran Church Belleville

Back of shirt, in different “Star Trek” font:

Boldly Go.

Matthew 28:19-20 www.stmarkbelleville.org

4. Jesus – The gift that keeps on giving

5. “Nailed It” – Martin Luther

6. ☆☆☆☆ ☆ (5 Stars) “Come for the wine, stay for the coffee”

1.

Front



Back



2.

Front



Back



3.

Front



Back



4.

Front



Back



5.

Front



Back



6.

Front



Back



*These mockups are just to show what the options **could** possibly look like. Final designs will be created when a winner is chosen.