

Welcome to
ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

September 1,
2024



The Fifteenth
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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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 “Air” J. Mouret **& 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

“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

ELW 519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain

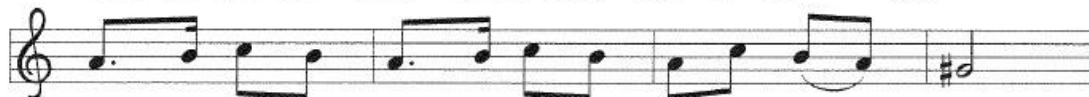


To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

"O God, Our Faithful God"

ELW 806

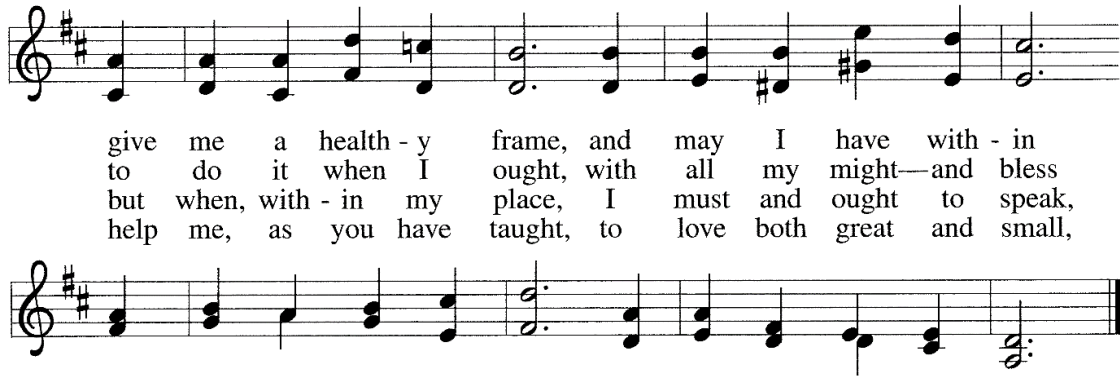


1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

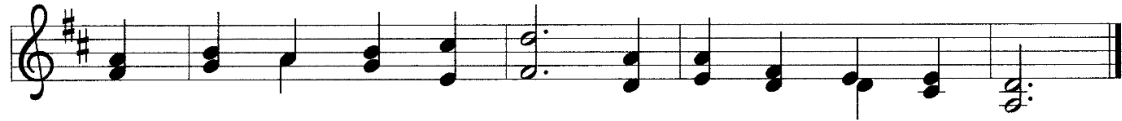


with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;





give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with 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 back of this bulletin.*

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

**Eleanor Benton, Mary Boxdorfer, 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.*

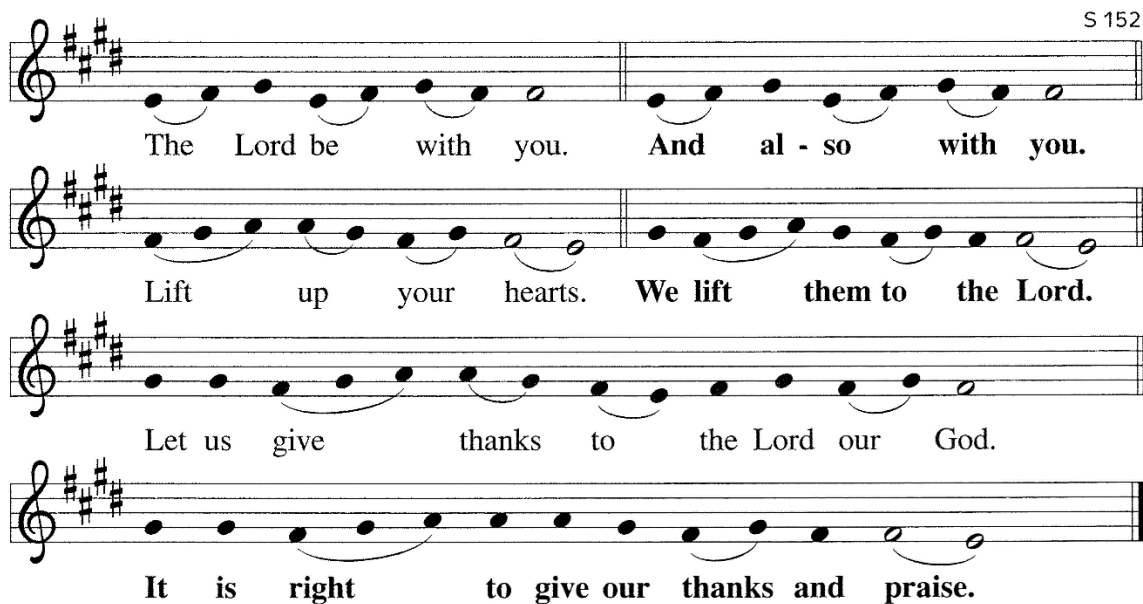
OFFERTORY "A Prayer of Thankfulness"

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

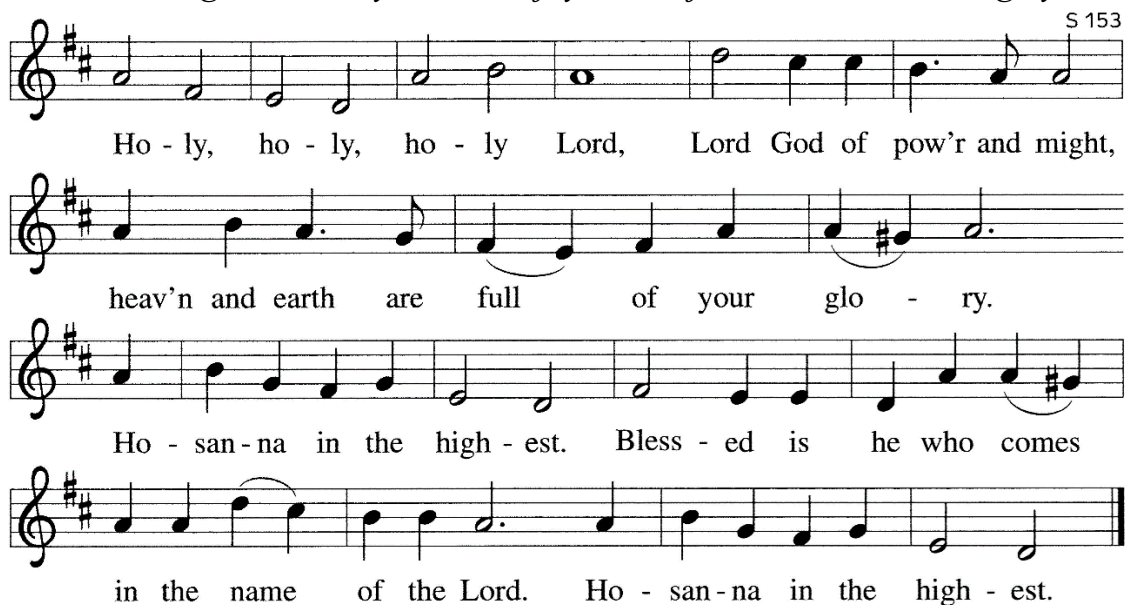
S 152



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... and join in their unending hymn:

S 153



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.

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

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

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.*

HYMN DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

ELW 816

1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

“Change My Heart, O God”

ELW 801

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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

“This is My Father’s World ”

ELW 824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-ly white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

POSTLUDE

“*Rondeau*”

J. Mouret

MINISTERS OF TODAY’S LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribout

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

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

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

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Mary Boxdorfer, 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

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, Wilma Haltemate, 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, 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, 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

Randi Cardoza (9/7)

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week

Kathy & Steve Bamvakais (9/2), Bill & Angie Bjornstad (9/6), and Dwight & Linda Ness (9/7)

Members Mourning the Loss of Loved Ones

The family of **Kris Whitley** (*sister of Kim Ott & Kathy Rothgangel*)

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

Evangelism Addendum

Franklin

School Supply Collection for Students and Classrooms

St. Mark and St. George's annual School Supply Collection was another HUGE success! As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words! Thank you to everyone who contributed! St. Mark has additional funds available which will be used for MOST NEEDED items identified by the school!



SHARE GOD'S WARMTH through a Hot Meal with St. Paul UCC

Eight St. Mark members have joined the group to assist with the weekly meal. Two group members assisted St Paul's UCC on August 6 as they served supper in their Fellowship Hall.

The floors in their hall and kitchen were being refinished on August 20 so St. Mark jumped in to provide a hot supper sack meal. 40 individuals received the meal which included Chicken Nuggets, green beans, applesauce, pudding cup, raisins, bottled water, Gatorade, fork, spoon and napkins. A Thrivent Action Team request for \$250 provided the funds for the meal. Remaining funds from the request will be used for the meal on October 1 when members of the group will serve next.



A couple of volunteers routinely assist from about 3:00pm until about 6:00pm for meal prep, serving and clean up. Others can assist with serving and clean-up from about 4:00 to 6:00pm. Please contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com for more information or to join the group.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program End of Season THANK YOU

The Evangelism & Social Ministry committee thanks everyone who supported the program this year by donating money, chips, cookies, fruit juice pouches, as well as packing and/or delivering to provide free lunches for low-income children!

Together with Westview Baptist, **over 1350 lunches** were assembled and delivered to Belleville's children!



On Thursday, August 1 a few St. Mark members hosted a picnic in the Hough Park pavilion for the children who received lunches at that location. The 45-minute picnic included a skit, craft, game and ice cream! The Christian Education and E/SM committees are considering repeating this type of event next summer, perhaps as a "traveling VBS."

Additional pictures are on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board.

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Day on September 8

The ELCA’s national day of service returns on Sunday, September 8. Please join in to help make a difference in someone’s life! A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Volunteers may also contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com

This year’s activities include:

+ **Assist at BEACON Ministries’ furniture warehouse in Belleville:** Lifting/organizing couches and other furniture; Sorting/organizing Linen Room and other light weight donated items; Furniture pick-up and/or delivery in Belleville, Fairview Heights or Caseyville (we need 2-3 pickup trucks and 6-9 individuals able to load/unload furniture)

+ **Activities at church:** Sewing, decorating and labeling fabric hearts; Sewing buttons on cloth bracelets; Cutting twine for children’s cross kits

+ **Other activities:** Joyful visit to one or more of our Homebound members



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PANTRY!**

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BACK TO THE PANTRY!**

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for September 1, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, Sept. 2:	6:00PM	Evening Prayer with St. George's—chapel
Thursday, Sept. 5:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Sept. 7:	6:00PM	SHINE Worship—chapel

Choirs Resume This Week!

Chancel and Bell Choirs resume rehearsals **THIS Thursday, September 5**. Bell Choir meets at 6:15PM, and Chancel Choir meets at 7:00PM. If you can carry a tune, you don't need to sing solo or read music. The Chancel choir would love to welcome you!

Thank You from Pastor Ron

Dear St. Mark congregation,

What a gift and what an honor that on Sunday [August 11] you named me your *Pastor Emeritus*.

The service itself was wonderful and the reception following the liturgy was so much fun! Ice cream! Face and Luther seal cookies! Cake! Fruit! Punch and coffee! Tablecloths and flowers! Who could ask for anything more! Your thoughtfulness and generosity reminded me once again what a wonderful congregation you are.

I give thanks for all of you who made this day such a joy for Debbie and Me.

Peace and joy! - *Pastor (Emeritus) Ron*

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 fall would be an ideal time. The AED/CPR certification is all that is required, except of course a willingness to serve occasionally during church service.

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.

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.net. We are looking to have 5 people on each team, so help is wanted and needed!

New/Returning in September

After a hiatus of several years, on **Wednesday, September 18** we will restart 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 to a class and discussion led by Pastor Brian and occasional guest speakers. These are self-contained classes that do not require you to have attended any previous or subsequent classes. Classes in the past have included such topics as, “Dogs in the Bible,” “Turkeys in the Bible,” “Humor in the Bible,” “Left-Handed People in the Bible,” “How December 25 Became Christmas,” and many more!

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 **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.

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 **Labor Day, 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!

Adult Forum 9/15 - *Tax Efficient Gifting/Tithing Strategies*

Join us for the education hour on **Sunday, September 15** 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.

QCD can be utilized for those individuals who have turned 70 ½ by helping reduce their required minimum distributions (RMD). Even if you are nearing age 70, this is valuable information.



DAF is a multi-year gifting strategy and does not have any age limitations or restrictions.



White Cottage Night! Tuesday, September 10, 5-7PM. A % of every purchase benefits our food pantry! Be sure to mention the pantry when you come to enjoy dinner and sweets!

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at **Charlie's Place** at 12 noon on **Wednesday, September 11**. They would like a headcount, so please let Peggy Andersen (618-791-0992) know if you are planning to go!

St. Mark Offerings for 8/25: Operating Fund: **\$3,196.16** (online giving received by 8/23); Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Property/Grounds Maintenance: \$101

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	2 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 6:00PM Evening Prayer w/ St. G's	3	4	5 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	7 6:00PM SHINE Worship
Randi on Vacation 9/3-9/6						
8 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:45AM God's Work Our Hands" Day of Service 	9	10 5-7PM White Cottage Food Pantry benefit	11	12 1:30PM Evang./ Soc. Ministry meeting—CR 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	14
15 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Qualified Charitable Distributions</i>	16 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	17	18 11:30AM St. Mark Table Talk -CR	19 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	20 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	21
22 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum	23 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church Council Mtg.	24	25	26 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	27 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	28
29 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 12PM-3PM Church Picnic— <i>Schranz Park, Swansea</i>	30					

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Camera Operator</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Sept. 1	Danielle T.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Greg M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 1
Sept. 8	Sherri F.	Rick C.	Greg M.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Mark B.	Team 2
Sept. 15	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 3
Sept. 22	Charlie D.	Kathy R.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Melanie R.	Kathy C. or Nancy G.	Mark B.	Team 4
Sept. 29	Greg G.	Curtis D.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Aaron F.	Mark B. & TBD	Melanie R.	H&W



happy anniversary

Kathy & Steve B.	09/02
Angela & Bill B.	09/06
Dwight & Linda N.	09/07
Joe & Kara M.	09/10
Bethany & Kristopher T.	09/11
Ivan & Judy K.	09/23
Brad & Laure G.	09/23
Carolyn & Matt S.	09/25
Mark & Patty B.	09/27
Letitia & Todd D.	09/27
June & Jim I.	09/27



Randi C.	9/7	Anna .R.	9/25
Diane W.	9/10	Piper .	9/27
Natalie H.	9/12	Wilma S.	9/28
Lisa R.	9/19	Kim P.	9/28
Beverlee W.	9/20		
Evelyn D.	9/24		