

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
welcomes you!

**August 20,
2023**



**The 12th
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 worshipping 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 & WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Please KNEEL or remain as you are

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

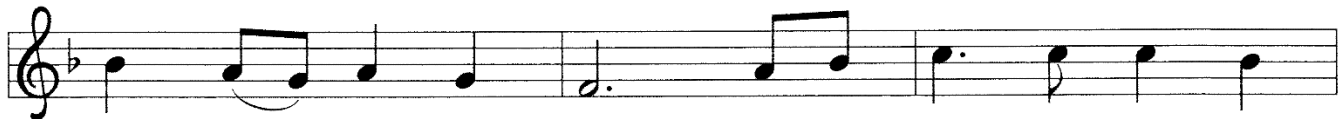
ELW 641



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

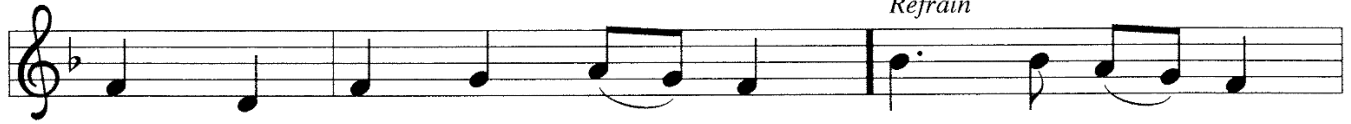


hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and





vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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... God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

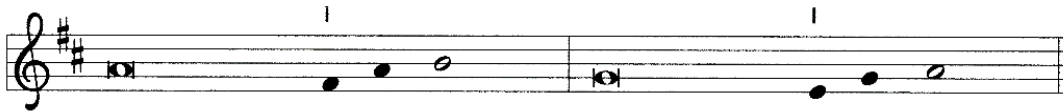
¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will

bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67 *sung in unison*



- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- | tions on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy

because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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: Matthew 15: 21-28

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Please SIT.*

SERMON

The Rev. Kenneth Tegtmeier, Interim Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 Hear us, O God, is **Your mercy is great...***

**Dave Brauer, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Curt Gansmann, Mary Hill, Randy Hinkle,
Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Sandra Purdy,
Marilyn Robinson, Rex Rothgangel, 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: **Let us pray together... God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

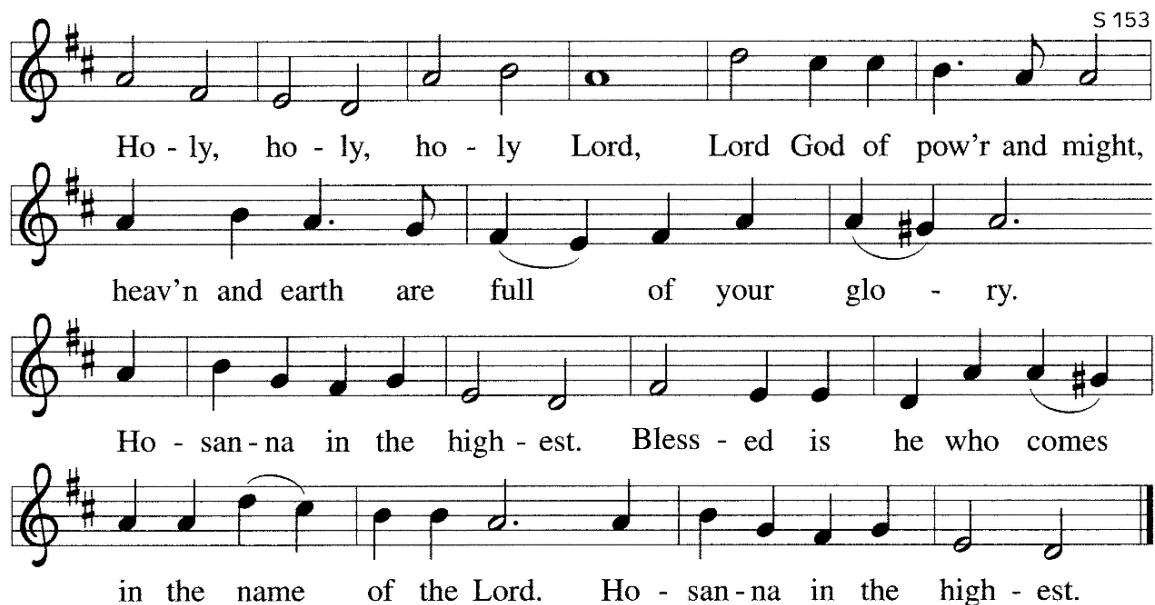
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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...we praise your name, and join 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 Response: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

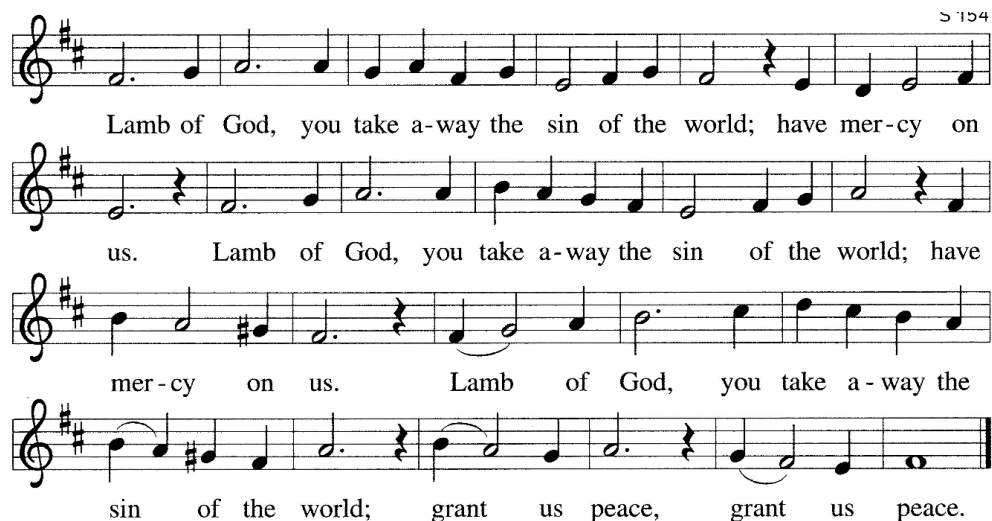
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

LAMB OF GOD

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 *Please SIT*

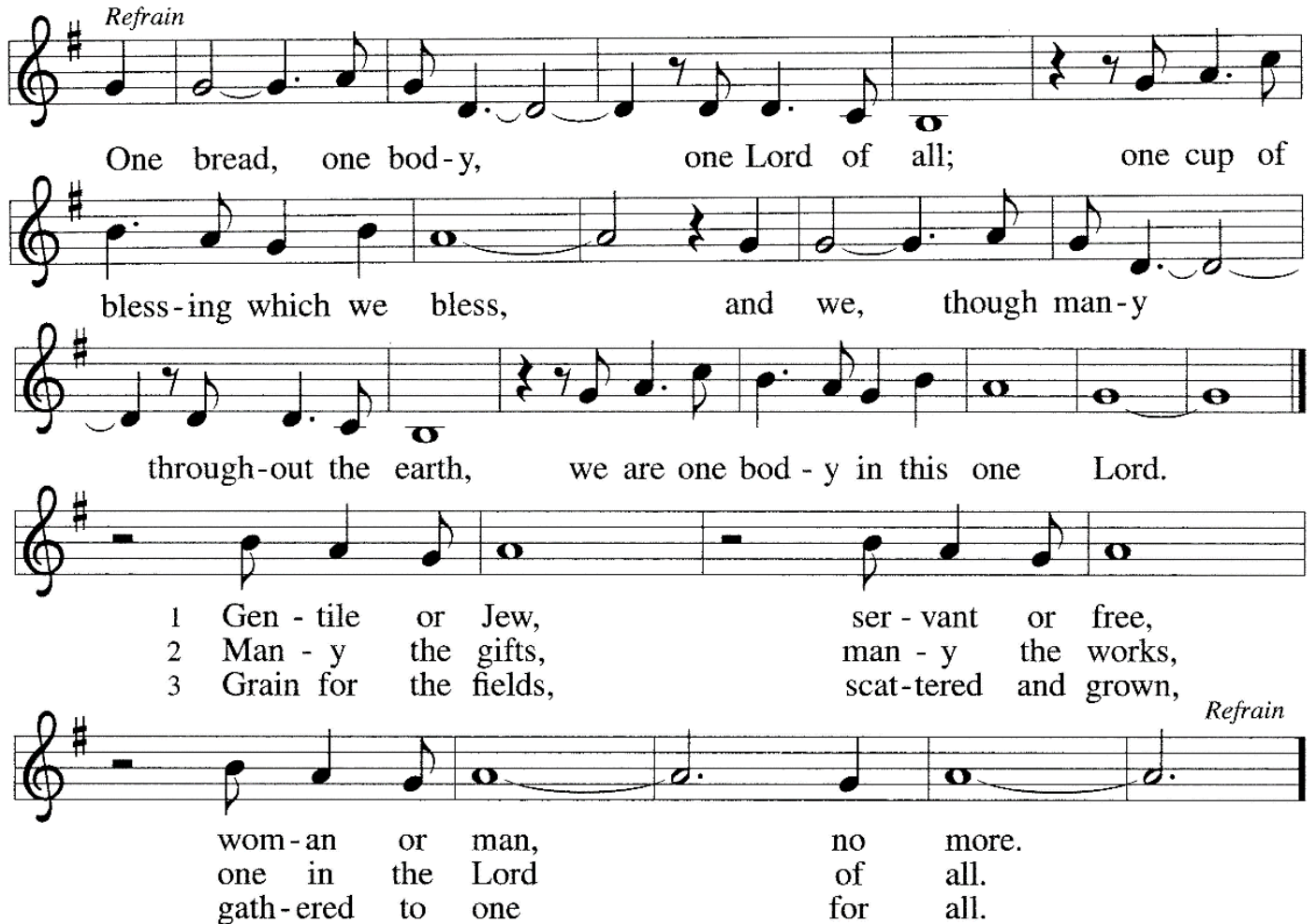
Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✘ *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.*

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

ELW 588



1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind - ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth’s sor - rows are more felt than up in heav’n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth’s fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv’n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

*After the distribution is complete, please **STAND** as you are able for the blessing.*

TABLE BLESSING

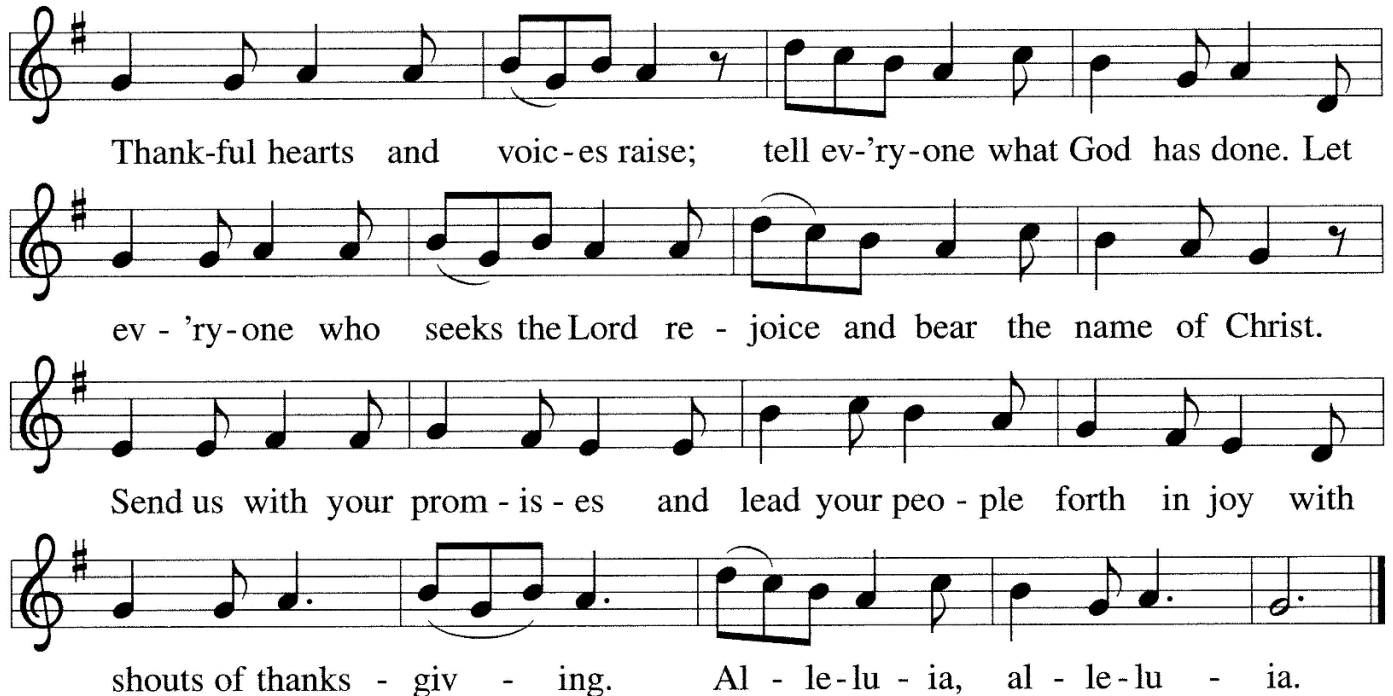
The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

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CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

ELW 207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

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St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Phyllis Booker, 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, Randy Hayes, Jamie House, Donna Koudelka, Austin Lickenbrock, Elroy Luffman, Wyatt Madison, 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, Maggie Tribout, 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:

Madeline Simard (8/22), **Kathy Evans** (8/22), **Michelle Mizulski** (8/23), **Jason McKenzie** (8/24), **Ted Engelage** (8/25), and **Kinsley Partelow-Smith** (8/26)

We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week:

Alice & Mike Murakami (8/20) and **Al & Mary** Boxdorfer (8/21)

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Ken Tegtmeier + **Assisting Minister:** Sherri Foppe

Chalice Bearer: Mike Murakami + **Crucifer:** Keith Kniepkamp

Lector: Curtis Dowty + **Livestream Camera:** Greg Martens

Ushers: Danielle Tribout & TBD + **Trained Responder:** Jan Richards

ST. MARK STAFF

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison* + **Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Ken Tegtmeier

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

Handbell Choir Director: John Andersen + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

**Pastor Brian is on sabbatical until August 28.*

MARK TIMES NEWS & NOTES FOR AUGUST 20, 2023

TENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Monday, August 21

2:30 pm Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program THANK YOU!

The Social/Evangelism Committee wishes to thank everyone who supported the program again this year by donating money, chips, cookies, fruit juice pouches, packing and/or delivering free lunches for children! Special thanks to Thrivent members for requesting Action Team funds. The tremendous support of the program this year allowed oatmeal packets and/or individual breakfast cereal to be included with the lunches.

Our continued partnership with Westview Baptist Church was awesome! Together we provided about 1200 lunches during the 10-week program. What a joy to serve God's children in Belleville! Their smiles, laughter and show of appreciation along with the excitement of our volunteers was certainly one of the highlights of my summer!



Pregnancy Care Center Update

Thanks to all the generous donors, the Pregnancy Care Center has outgrown their space and are moving. They are now located at 311 West Lincoln St., Suite 301 in Belleville. Donations are still needed to help fill the extra space at their new location. **Items needed:** all sizes of maternity clothes, children's clothes (especially in 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T and children's pajamas in those sizes), and children's shoes.

MAUI WILDFIRE DONATIONS

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts given specifically to “U.S. Wildfires” will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires. There are three ways for you to help:

1. You may donate online at elca.org using a credit card

or

2. You can mail in your donation making checks payable to:

“Lutheran Disaster Response.”

Write **“U.S. Wildfires”** on your check's memo line and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

or

3. You may write a check to **“Lutheran Disaster Response”** and place it in the offering box on Sunday.

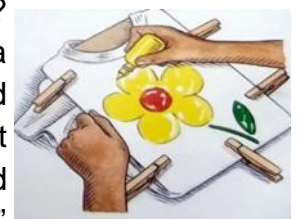
or

4. You can give to “ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response” through our VANCO online portal

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91>).

St. Mark T-SHIRT Design Campaign

What would *you* like *our* message to *our* community to be via *our* t-shirt design? The Evangelism/Social Ministry team wants your ideas! The design campaign idea board will be available now through mid-August in the Parish Hall for you to add your message. Ideas may also be submitted to Sherri Foppe at cookinsherri2@gmail.com or by calling/texting Sherri at 618-791-6148. Submitted ideas will be compiled then a winner will be selected using a “sports bracket style” elimination. Selection voting will take place in September!



VANCO Online Giving Just Got a Little Bit Easier

VANCO has a QR code that helps getting started with online giving easier. You can scan the QR code (to the right) with either your phone’s camera or QR reader app and it will take you to your app store to download VANCO’s Mobile Faith Engagement app. Once you have the app downloaded, you can open the link (below) and it will open our site in the app. You can also use the giving site (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91>) online without downloading the app.



Did You Know?

Everyone who is a Thrivent member, i.e., has life insurance, disability insurance, annuity, etc., may apply for \$250 in Action Team seed money TWICE a year to support a service activity, fundraiser or educational event. That's \$500 per year!! The application process is quick and simple.

Thrivent members who would like to support our congregation's missions and/or projects or learn more about Action Teams may visit <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams> or contact Sherri Foppe 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com Sherri will be happy to help complete an Action Team application!

Pastor Ken's Contact Information

Pastor Ken Tegtmeier is serving as the Interim pastor for St. Mark during Pastor Brian's summer sabbatical. Pastor Ken's regular days in the office will be **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**. To make an appointment, feel free to call, text, or email him: Cell phone: **314-202-1055**
Email: **kft6582@gmail.com**

St. Mark Offerings Report for August 13:

General Fund: **\$3,629.11** (*includes online offerings received by 8/11*); Food Pantry: \$19