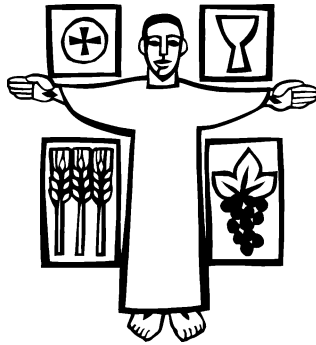


Welcome to  
**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

August 18,  
2024



The  
Thirteenth  
Sunday after  
Pentecost

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**

**“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM** (*1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays - Chapel*)

**SUNDAY**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM**

*in-person & streaming*

**EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM**

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*The Reverend Brian M. Robison, Pastor*

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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** “Recit de Chromhorne” by Francois Couperin

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING HYMN** “Voices Raised to You” **ELW 845**

Please **STAND** as you are able



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your  
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -  
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,  
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

**GREETING**

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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# THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR

**Cohen Darrell Summers**

*Parents: Brooke & Damian Summers*

*Sponsors: Miranda Summers & Bryce Summers*

## **PRESENTATION**

*The baptismal party gathers with the ministers at the font.*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors present the candidate.*

We present **Cohen Darrell Summers** for Baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses the child's parents.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Cohen baptized into Christ?

*Response:* We do.

As you bring Cohen to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,  
and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Cohen grow in the Christian faith and life:

*Response:* We do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Cohen in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* We do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support Cohen and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.*

On Cohen's behalf, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents, sponsors, and assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

*The presiding minister leads the thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that Cohen who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BAPTISM

Cohen Darrell Summers, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen! You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.*

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

*The presiding minister continues:*

Let us pray... We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Cohen with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*With oil prepared for this purpose, the presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Cohen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the + cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

*A lighted candle may be given to a sponsor as a representative of the congregation says:*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

*The minister and the baptismal group face the assembly.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

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

### **SECOND READING: Psalm 34:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

<sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

<sup>14</sup>Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

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 6:51-58**

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I 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."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

<sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

**SERMON**

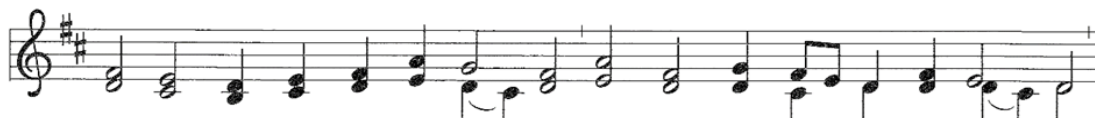
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*Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness"**

**ELW 488**



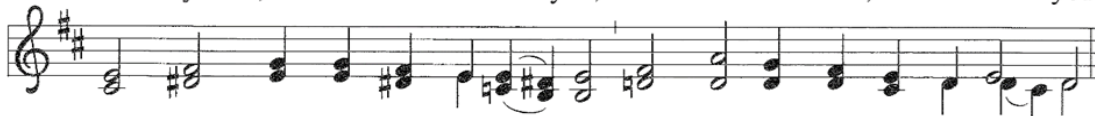
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;  
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;  
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

**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, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Mike Koeneman, 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. **\*Students and Educators please remain STANDING.***

## **BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATION WORKERS**

**OFFERING** *Offerings may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any time.*

**OFFERTORY** "This Little Light of Mine" *Wally Kleist, Piano*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: 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, & 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:

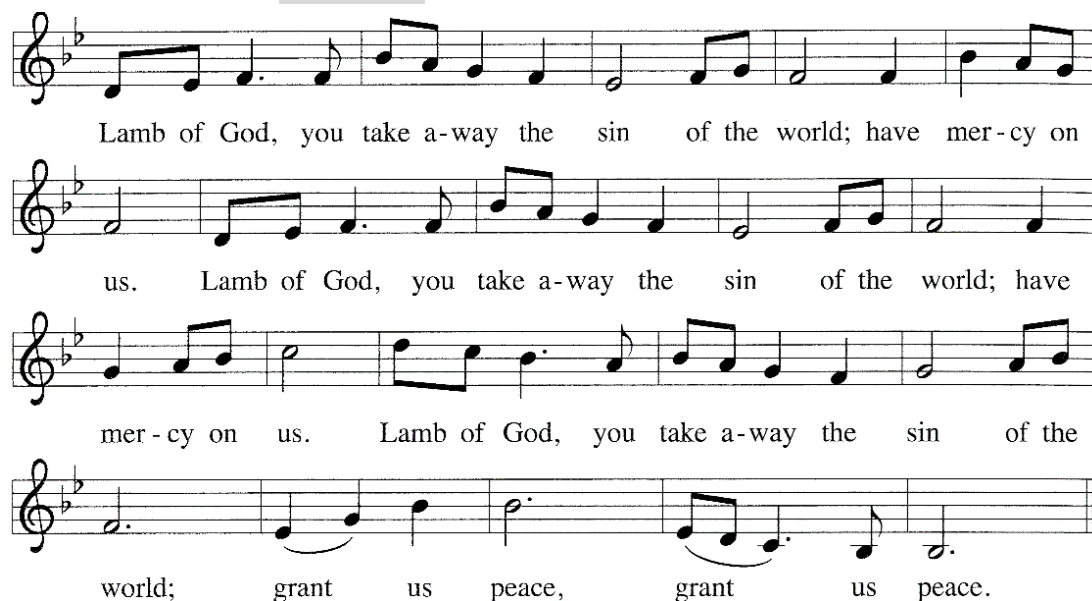


Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the 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 remain seated or come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate the latter 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.*

### “I Am the Bread of Life”

ELW 485

1 “I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 “The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 “Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 “I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . have . . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.”  
 ev - er, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er.”  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.”  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er.”  
 come in - to . . . . the . . . . world. . . .

*Refrain*  
 All  
 “And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
 and I will raise you up on the last day.”

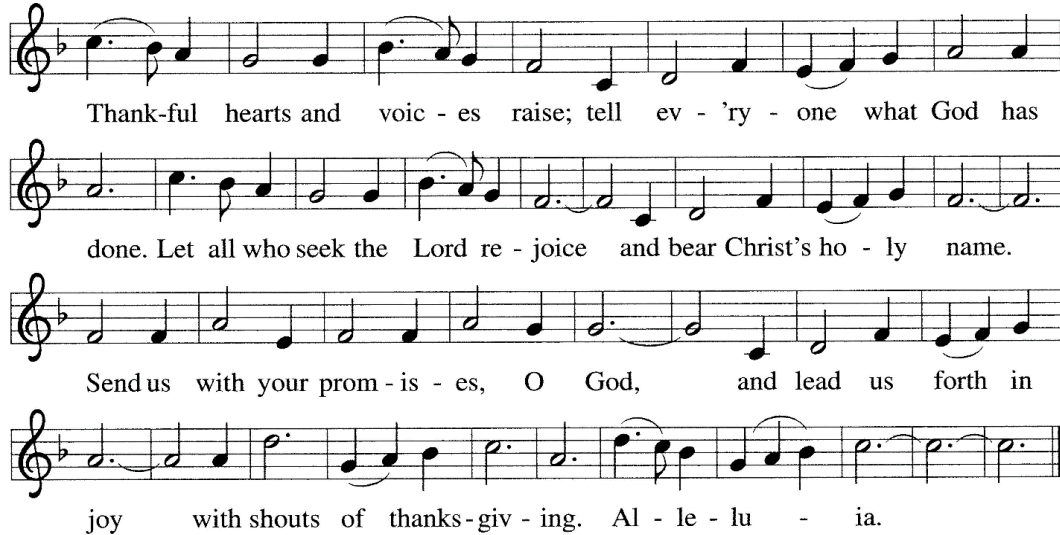
### “Eat This Bread”

ELW 472

**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.

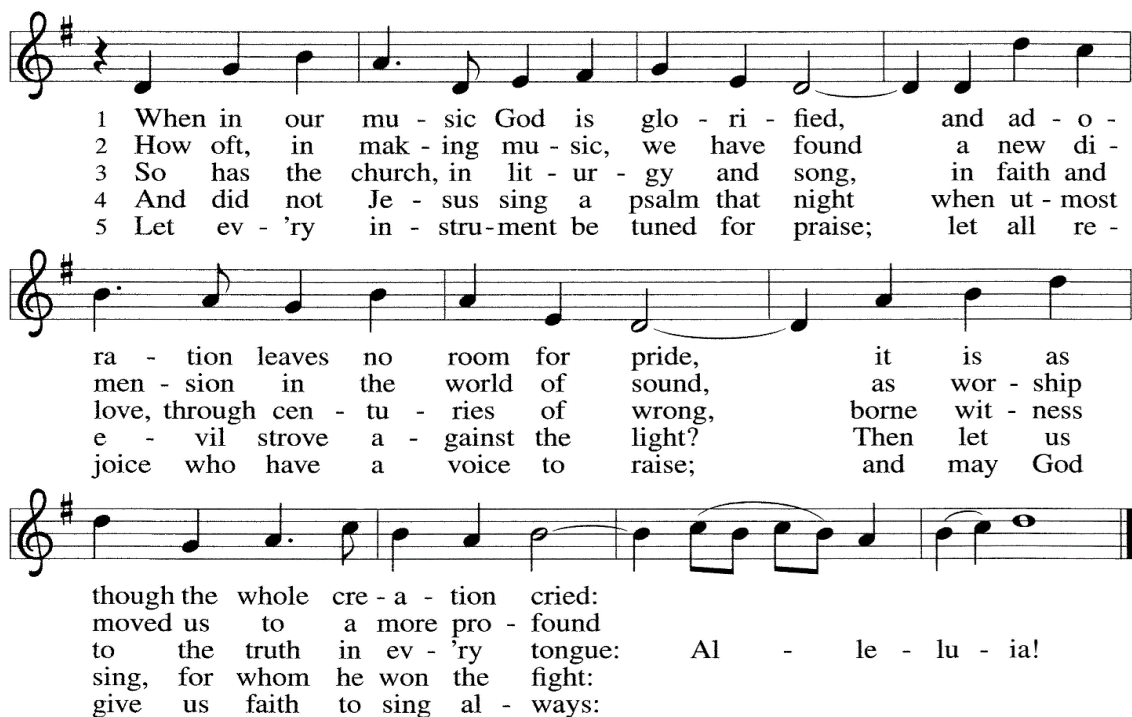
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*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** “When in Our Music God is Glorified ” ELW 851



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -  
ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
joyce who have a voice to raise; and may God  
though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
moved us to a more pro - found  
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing, for whom he won the fight:  
give us faith to sing al - ways:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**POSTLUDE**

*“Plein Jeu”*

*by Francois Couperin*

### MINISTERS OF TODAY’S LITURGY

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

**Crucifer:** Keith Kniepkamp + **Lector:** Terry Tribout

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

**Safety Volunteer:** Jan Richards + **Ushers:** Danielle Tribout & Curt Gansmann

### 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, 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,  
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

Madeline Simard (8/22), Kathy Evans (8/22), Michelle Mizulski (8/23), and Jason McKenzie (8/24)

#### Members celebrating wedding anniversaries this week

Alice & Mike Murakami (8/20)

#### 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 18, 2024

### *This Week at St. Mark:*

**Monday, August 19:** 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor  
**Tuesday, August 20:** 5:30PM Food Pantry meeting – conference room

### Thanks be to God for Cohen!

We give thanks for God's richest blessings bestowed on **Cohen Darrell Summers** as he is baptized into Christ this morning. Congratulations to parents Brooke & Damian Summers and grandparents Bonnie & Mike Schaefer!

### Thank You for Last Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the service and reception surrounding Pastor Ron's honoring as *pastor emeritus* last Sunday so beautiful and memorable! From the set up and clean up, to the food providers and servers, to the worship leaders and musicians, ushers, and attendees – it was a lovely celebration of our community and one whose steadfast leadership helped make us what we are today.



### 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.

### Joint Safety Volunteer AED/CPR Recertification Opportunity

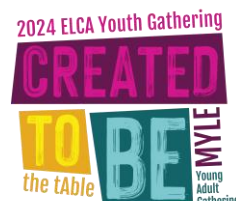
The Joint Safety Committee of St George & St Mark's will be hosting an AED and CPR certification class. It is scheduled in the parish hall on **Saturday, October 19** from **9am-12noon**. The cost is **\$65 for recertification** or **\$75 for new certifications**.

**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](mailto:mark.bearth@gmail.com) or text 618-767-6543.

### Youth Gathering Service Next Sunday

Next Sunday, the ELCA youth gathering attendees will help present a special worship experience during our regular service time and present on their trip during the Education Hour in the Parish Hall. Come and hear about their inspirational journey!



**St. Mark Offerings for 8/11:** Operating Fund: **\$15,118.11** (online giving received by 8/9)

## 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.

## 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.net](mailto:melanierobison@earthlink.net). We are looking to have 5 people on each team, so help is wanted and needed!

## June 2024 Treasurer's Note

	June	Year-to-Date
<b>2024 Income</b>	<b>\$20,794.26</b>	<b>\$107,363.67</b>
<b>2024 Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,456.84</b>	<b>\$121,676.53</b>
<b>2024 Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>(\$2,662.58)</b>	<b>(\$14,312.86)</b>

Shown here are St. Mark's operational financial results for the June 2024 period and year-to-date. As the numbers above show, we have a negative cash flow through the first half of our fiscal year.

St. Mark's 2024 Budget is \$250,464. Of note, our actual revenues for the first half reflect 85% of our budget to-date while our expenses are at 97%.

Based on our first half, and in order to limit the operational, cash shortfall for the year, we will be reducing specific giving programs by basing the monthly payments on actual monthly income, rather than the original budget. This approach maintains the percentages adopted in the approved budget, but reflects the need to adapt to our reduced actual income. The following programs will be affected by this change:

- CSIS Benevolence—paid to the synod
- Missions Gifts Including:
  - Beacon Ministry
  - ELCA World Hunger
  - ELCA Disaster Relief
  - Food Pantry
  - Appointed monthly missions

We appreciated the congregation's understanding, help, and inquiries in this regard.