

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 2,
2025



The
Transfiguration
of
Our Lord

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

in-person & streaming

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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PLEASE wear a **mask/face covering** *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

To parents with small children: We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! “*Quiet Bags*” (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

Parish Hall and Restrooms are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

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

PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please **RISE** in body or in spirit

GATHERING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

ELW 511



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

GREETING

Blessed be the one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

Assisting minister S 139



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Following the prayer, please SIT.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

PSALM 99 *spoken responsively by half-verse*

¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²The LORD, | great in Zion,

is high a- | bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;

God is the | Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;

God is the | Holy One.

⁶Moses & Aaron among your priests, & Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,

they called upon you, and you | answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;

for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this

very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

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

²⁸...Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

SERMON *"Brave New Transfiguration"* **The Rev. Brian M. Robison**

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

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me,
 Shine on me,
 shine on me:
 shine on me:

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 (members, staff, first-time additions) are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin. The response to “God of grace,” is “Hear our prayer”...*

Eleanor Benton, **Toni** Brendel, **Kathy** Casey, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Ivan** Kohlmeier,
Diane Maes, **Bruce** Martens, **Dwight** Ness, **Kim** Palmer, **Tina** Partelow, **Marilyn** Robinson,
Wilma Shroat, **Larry** Shurtleff, **Cohen** Summers, **Carol & Gary** 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.*

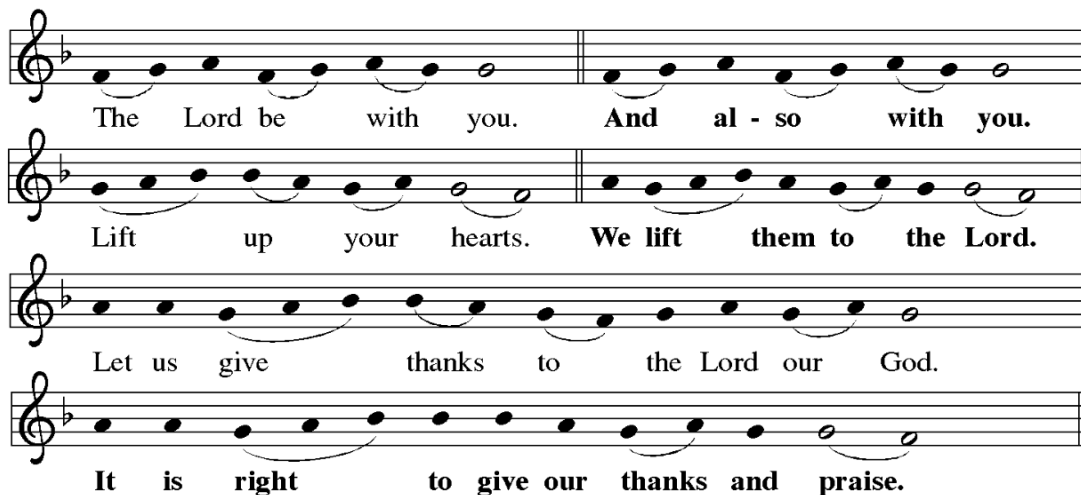
OFFERTORY *“Praise and Thanksgiving/Morning has Broken” Gaelic, arr. by Tucker* **Bell Choir**

OFFERING PRAYER *Please STAND as you are able*

Assistant: Let us pray together...

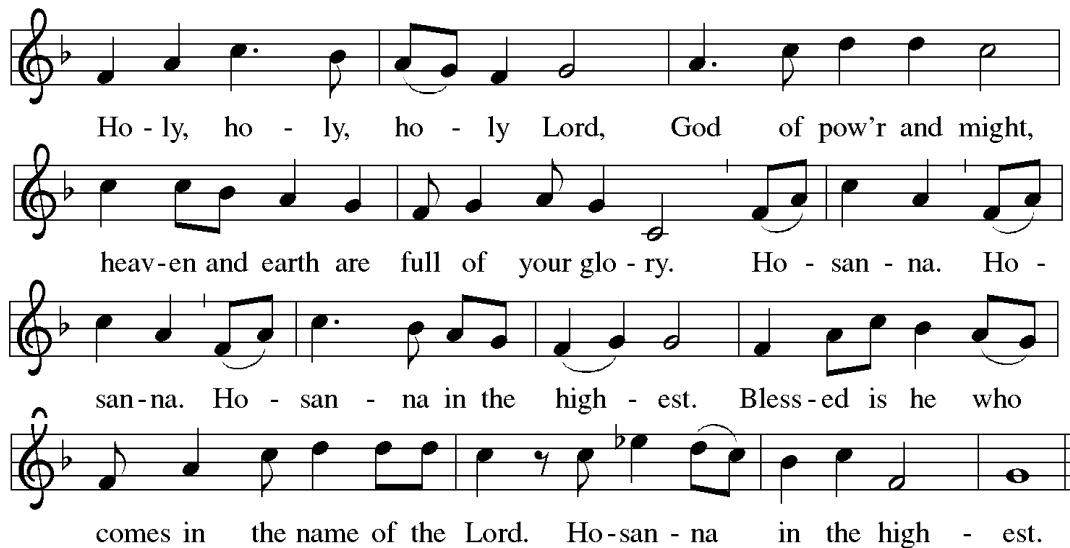
**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

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...we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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;

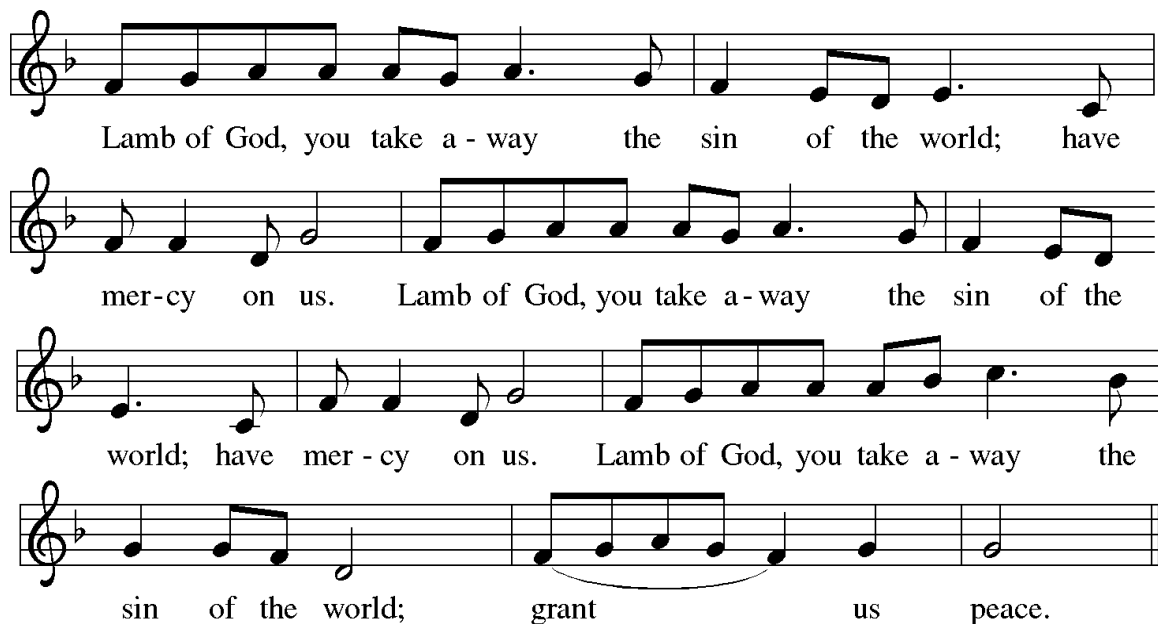
**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come forth - receive this meal of gladness.

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.

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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838



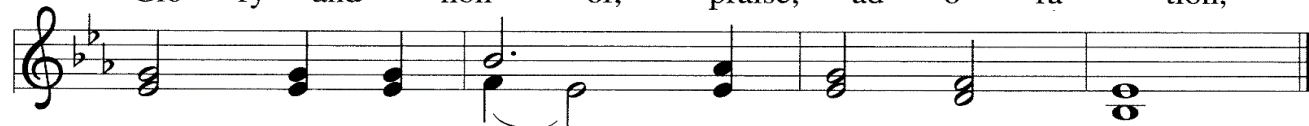
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

“After All” by Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

TABLE BLESSING *After the distribution please STAND.*

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 204**



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 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...

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – today and always. **Amen.**





1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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

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

Chalice Bearer & Tech Minister: Mike Murakami

Ushers: Frank Dressel & Jason Martens + **Safety Volunteer:** Melanie Robison

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Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan,
Ivan Kohlmeier, Diane Maes, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow,
Marilyn Robinson, Wilma Shroat, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer,
Jim Braeutigam, Jordyn Brazelton, Patty Brennecke, Doug Carpenter, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes,
Catherine Davis, Marilyn Dichsen, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Marge Gardner,
Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Jamie House,
Debbie Jacobs, Jimmy Jurgens, Austin Lickenbrock, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison,
Christopher Martizsus, Glenda Martizsus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf,
Linda Munn, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Hilda Parnell,
Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter,
Becky Schnitzius, Stefanie Schroeder, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson,
Bob Vaughn, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson, Sue Witherell,
Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe Merrel & Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Alison Kniepkamp (3/4), Gayle Hinkle (3/8), and Cathie Shurtleff (3/8)

St. Mark Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Administrative Assistant: Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler

Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Ronald C. Neustadt

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 March 2, 2025

Monday, Mar. 3	9:00AM	Health & Wellness Meeting – Conference Room
	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Tuesday, Mar. 4:	5:30PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Parish Hall
Wednesday, Mar. 5:	9:30AM	Ash Wednesday Worship - Church
	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Worship - Church
Thursday, Mar. 6:	10:30AM	Joint Use Meeting – Conference Room
	6:15PM	Bell choir rehearsal
	7:00PM	Chancel choir rehearsal



Ash Wednesday

St. Mark hosts Ash Wednesday services celebrated with St. George's Episcopal Church **THIS Wednesday, March 5** at **9:30AM** and **7:00PM**, both in the **church**. Pastor Brian will preside at the Eucharist, both Pastor Brian & Father Mark will assist in the imposition of ashes, and Fr. Mark will preach.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Returns!

St. Mark members are invited to St. George's annual Pancake Supper **THIS Tuesday, March 4** from **5:30-7:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Pancakes & sausage are the traditional fare for this day since meat, eggs, fat & butter were prohibited during Lent. Freewill donations will be accepted for an upcoming outreach project



Today's Adult Forum: *Lent Me Your Ears: A Journey Through the Season*

Join us in the Parish Hall **TODAY, Sunday, March 2** as Pastor Brian offers a refresher on the origin, traditions, and symbols of the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday.

Lenten Quiet Day at Toddhall – Deadline is Wednesday

On **Saturday, April 5**, from 9:30AM to 2:30PM, Pastor Brian will lead a spiritual Quiet Day at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center in Columbia. The event includes time for worship, prayer and reflection, lunch at Toddhall, as well as spiritual lectures and opportunities to walk the grounds of the retreat center. The event is free to attend, and a freewill offering will be taken on the day to cover the cost of lunch. **Registrations are required by Wednesday, March 5** to obtain an accurate headcount for the meal. You may register at <https://forms.gle/NZmXZGgz6hcQo4eo6> or by contacting the church office.

Yoga Classes PAUSED

Due to the Parish Hall being unavailable on Thursdays during Lent, a new day is being proposed for the yoga classes. Since changes to the schedule must be approved by St. George's Vestry, and since the current agreement ran only through the end of February, **yoga classes are paused until after the Vestry meets on March 11**. Watch for further information here in the *Mark Times*.



Food Pantry Donations

Next Sunday, March 9, is our **monthly food collection** for our pantry. This month we're asking for donations of **canned fruit and soups**.



Ladies' Lunch Bunch

For March's gathering, the LLB will meet on **Wednesday, March 19 at 12 noon** at **Papa Vito's** (318 East Washington Street, Belleville). Questions? Contact Mary Boxdorfer at 618-233-0160.

Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Come enjoy a nice evening of fellowship over a meal of **soup and salad at 6:00PM** in the **Parish Hall** starting **Wednesday, March 12**, before joining us in the church for evening prayer.

Form a group and host one of the suppers! A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

Game Day March 29

Bring a board game and a snack to share, or just pop over for a great time on **Saturday, March 29** from **2:00-4:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. Invite other members and friends to join in the fun. Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be available soon.



Diaper Drive Thank You!



Thank you to all who contributed to our **Epiphany Diaper Drive** January 5 through February 9 for little ones in need in our community.

In addition to the donations pictured and monetary donations, two members requested \$250 Thrivent Action Team gift cards which were used to purchase \$500 in additional diapers, disposable training pants and diaper creams.

Due to Target's \$15 gift card per \$75 of diapers purchased special, we were able to donate another 4 boxes. The items collected were distributed to St. George/St. Mark Food Pantry, Pregnancy Care Center of Belleville, Violence Prevention Center and Fontabella Maternity Home in Belleville. *Additional pictures*

are on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board.

From the Pregnancy Care Center:

Dear Members of St. Mark,

Thank you very much for the 21 boxes of diapers and the bag of baby items. Thanks to all the members for sharing with those in need. We really do appreciate your generosity.

It was requested by Sherri that we give you an idea of what other needs we have. We do try to help toddlers, sizes two to six as well as infants. We can always use clothes, slightly used or new in those sizes, and socks, shoes, and underwear for those same ages. Formula is expensive so we try to keep it on hand as well as baby bottles. We appreciate any donations.

Thank you again for your generosity and wonderful support in the work we do for our parents, infants, and toddlers.

Sincerely, Gloria Schwartz, Secretary, Pregnancy Care Center

St. Mark Offerings for 2/23: General Fund: **\$5,385.13**; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds Maint: \$101; D Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101

Thank You from Newsome Family

Dear St. Mark friends - Thank you so much for your care-filled cards, notes and messages on the recent passing of Mae Newsome. Dick and I appreciate them more than you know. Mae had a long and happy life, and it was enhanced these last years with many of you. Sharing your time, listening to her speak (that accent!) and completing projects with the sewing group all brought meaning to her life. Thank you again for your care and concern.

Sincerely, **Cheryl and the Newsome family**

Kids for Christ Trivia Night - April 5

Super fun trivia night with HUGE silent auction!! Doors open at 5:30PM. Trivia begins at 6:30PM

Tables of 8/\$160 - reserve by emailing lordsservant3@outlook.com

1st place prize - \$200 2nd place - \$100

Feel free to bring your own snacks, but no alcohol or outside drinks.

Soda and water will be for sale, and desserts are provided!



Tour of Our Brother's Keepers on March 15



Members, family and friends are invited to **tour the Our Brother's Keepers of Southern IL facility** at 614 N. 7th Street in East St. Louis on **Saturday, March 15**. We will meet in the church parish hall at **12:15pm** and carpool to the facility for our 45-minute to 60-minute tour.

Those planning to attend are asked to **sign up to ensure enough transportation** and no one is left behind! ***Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex (Canterbury Room) and in the Parish Hall.***

In the last year we learned so much about the difficult process it is for returning citizens (former inmates) to rejoin communities as productive citizens. Want to know more? Visit their website <https://obkministry.org/> or contact them at obkministry2@gmail.com and join us on March 15.

Their Mission: OBK is an ecumenical faith-based organization dedicated to the full inclusion of former individuals in custody (returning citizens), into St. Clair County, Illinois community.

OBK assists returning citizens in attaining productive citizenship through an array of reentry services, including counseling, life and employment skills training, and referrals to supportive services in order to build community, family and faith-based relationships. OBK reaches out to all social and human services providers, faith communities and government agencies, and to businesses, to help in the process of full inclusion.

Their Vision: We aspire to be an organization that honors the talents and contributions of all its stakeholders including clients, employees, volunteers, donors and vendors. As we assist returning citizens in finding real solutions to their critical needs, no one is left behind: we all progress together, care for the welfare of each other, and help each other grow in personal maturity and independence.

Their Core Values:

Accompaniment is providing emotional, physical & spiritual support to people in need as well as walking in their shoes as a critical part in recognizing the human dignity & experiences of every person.

Growth is the capacity for people to develop their humanity emotionally, physically and spiritually in union with others who provide peer counseling to overcome the traumas of life and give all hope and confidence to succeed.

Respect recognizes all people worthy of high regard and esteem for the human dignity of each as decent and capable of good character behavior.

GriefShare Group at St. Mark Begins March 25

With the success of the November holiday event and positive reviews of the program overall, St. Mark will host a full GriefShare program at the church **beginning Tuesday, March 25**. Sessions will be held from **6:30-8:00PM** in the **Parish Hall** on **first, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays**, and in the **conference room** on **second and third Tuesdays** due to available space.



A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 11-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

The program includes video seminars, small group discussions, and personal study and reflection. Each session covers different aspects of grief, providing valuable guidance and support to help you navigate through difficult times.

Sign up at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/261743>. All are welcome! The program is free but freewill donations are accepted.

Safety Volunteers Needed

I would like to thank those individuals who stepped up and volunteered to serve as members of our congregational safety volunteers.

We could still use one (*or more*) volunteer so, if you would like to volunteer or simply would like more information, feel free to text or email Mark Bearth at 618-767-6543 or Mark.Bearth@gmail.com



Mark Times Email List

Due to technical difficulties at the year's beginning, the email list for the *Mark Times* had to be recreated from an old database. If you have not received the *Mark Times* emails lately, please call (618-233-9809), text (618-671-2693) or email (office@stmarkbelleville.org) the office to be added back to the list.

Martin Luther on the Transfiguration





In the Transfiguration, "the resurrection of the dead and the future glory and brightness of *our* bodies are shown. For this was something very remarkable, that Christ was transfigured while yet in the mortal body, which was subject to suffering. What then shall it be, when mortality shall have been swallowed up, and nothing shall remain but immortality and glory?"

"There is added the appearance of Moses and Elias, who prove by their appearing that they had never really died, and that there is yet another life, besides the earthly life, from which they were transferred.

"This appearance teaches us also that we should despise death, and look upon it merely as an emigration or a sleep. In short, this appearance proves that this life is nothing at all in comparison with the future life.

"This appearance proves that sin is overcome. For it necessarily follows as an incontrovertible conclusion, that, where death is overcome, there sin is also overcome..."

"The whole, holy Trinity appears here to strengthen the believers; namely, Christ in his transfigured form, the Father in the voice, and the Holy Ghost in the bright cloud."

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
2 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Confirmation 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Lent Me Your Ears: A Journey Through the Season</i>	3 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	4 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 5:30P Pancake supper—PH	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:30AM & 7:00PM  Joint worship with distribution of ashes	6 10:30A Joint Use Meeting - CR 6:15P Bell Choir 7:00P Voice Choir	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	1 6:00PM SHINE worship - chapel <hr/> 8	
9 First Sunday in Lent 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Intro to GriefShare</i>	10 9:30A Health & Wellness - CR	11	12 9:30AM Evang/ Soc.Min mtg—CR 6:00PM Soup supper 7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent	13 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15 12:15P Tour of Our Brother's Keepers (meet in PH)	
16 Second Sunday in Lent 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Confirmation 10:30AM Adult Forum	17 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Yoga* <i>*Tentative</i>	18	19 12:00PM Ladies Lunch at Papa Vito's 6:00PM Soup supper 7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent	20 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22	
23 Third Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Liturgy w/Healing Rite 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum	24 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church Council Mtg. 6:00PM Yoga*	25 6:30-8PM GriefShare—PH	26 6:00PM Soup supper 7:00PM Evening Prayer for Lent	27 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	28 <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor on vacation</i></div>	29 2PM-4PM Game Day—PH	
30 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship <div style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor on vacation</i></div>	31 6:00PM Yoga*						St. Mark Lutheran Church 105 East D Street Belleville, Illinois

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assist Min.</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Tech Min.</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Mar. 2	Greg G.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Melanie R.	Team 1
Mar. 5 <i>Ash Weds.</i>	Greg M.	Kathy R. & David B. (9:30AM) Terry T. & TBD (7:00PM)	Joe B.	Fr. Mark	Melanie R.	TBD (9:30AM) Danielle T. & TBD (7PM)	Mark B.	NA
Mar. 9	Danielle T.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Aaron F.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Jan R.	Team 2
Mar. 16	Sherri F.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Melanie R.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Frank D.	Team 3
Mar. 23	Charlie D.	Curtis D.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Tina P.	H&W
Mar. 30	Greg G.	Jan L.	Greg M.	Mike M.	Greg M.	Mark B. & TBD	Mark B.	Team 4



Alison K.	3/4	Gayle H.	3/8	Cathie S.	3/8
Sue P.	3/14	Aria H.	3/14	Diane K.	3/16
Nathan P.	3/16	Elizabeth B.	3/17	Renee S.	3/17
Tucker D.	3/17	Tina P.	3/18	Kylie M.	3/20
Allison B.	3/21	Amanda K.	3/23	Bella H.	3/28
Larry S.	3/29	Jackie W.	3/31		



Mike & Missy K. 3/21

