

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

An English-speaking congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

welcomes you!

July 5,
2026



The Sixth
Sunday after
Pentecost

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1ST SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30AM

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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 use the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is audible over the speakers).
 - + An **accessible Restroom** is available off the Welcome Area/Narthex next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level. **Parish Hall and additional Restrooms** are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. 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.
 - + **Land Acknowledgement:** This 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 recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and still call this land home.

A COLONIAL LITURGY IN ENGLISH

*"An order for the worship of Almighty God among English-speaking people in the American colonies translated from the liturgy prepared in 1748 by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Peter Brunnholtz, and John F. Handschuh and faithfully adhering to the three surviving copies of the same handwritten by Jacob VanBuskerk in 1763, by Peter Muhlenberg in 1769, and by Jacob Goering in 1774." *The rites related to Holy Communion were not originally included in the reconstruction of this liturgy.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE

Summer Bell Choir

GATHERING "Before You, O Lord, We Bow" ELW 893 *Please STAND as you are able*



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

THE CONFESSION OF SINS *The hymn ended, the pastor shall go to the altar, turn his face to the congregation and say: The Confession of Sins.*

Beloved in the Lord! Thus saith the high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity, whose Name is holy:

"I dwell in the high and holy place with him who is contrite in heart, to revive the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite. I will not always chide, neither will I keep my anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord, thy God."

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins together.

I, a poor sinner, confess unto God, my heavenly Father,
that I have grievously sinned against Him in many ways
not only by outward and gross sins,
but even more by inward blindness of heart, unbelief, doubt, despair,
impatience, pride, selfishness, lust of the flesh, avarice, envy, hatred and malice,
and by other sinful passions which are naked and open in Thy sight, O Lord,
but which I, alas, cannot fully understand.

I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my sins,
and with my whole heart implore Thy divine grace
through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ,
being resolved with the help of the Holy Spirit
to amend my sinful life. Amen.

Lord God, the Father in heaven: **Have mercy upon us.**

Lord God the Son, Redeemer of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

Lord God the Holy Ghost: **Have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Allein Gott in der hoh sei Her”

ELW 410



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -

friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -

strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and

one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our

God for grace and mer - cy!
lord - ship is our bless - ing.
on us all have mer - cy.
lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by Thy Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in Thee, that our nation may bring glory to Thy name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *Following the prayer, please SIT.*

READINGS

Let us devoutly listen to the reading for the Time after Pentecost written in the ninth chapter of Zechariah beginning at the ninth verse.

THE OLD TESTAMENT: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Epistle for the Time after Pentecost written in the seventh chapter of the letter to the Romans, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

GOSPEL HYMN *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*

To the tune of "A Mighty Fortress"

God is our Re-fuge i-n Distress, Our strong Defence and Ar-mour,

He's present, wh-en we're com-fortless, In storms he is our Har-bour;

Th'infernal Enemy Look! How enrag'd is he!

He now exerts his Force To stop the Gospel-Course;

Who can withstand this Ty-rant?

All human Pow-er i-s but Dust; Our Strength an idle Sto-ry;

The Valiant Ma-n, in who-m we trust, Is Christ, the Son of Glo-ry.

He is the Conqueror Vested with sov'reign Pow'r,

The Lord both Great and Good The only living God,

Gains us the Field of Bat-tle.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Holy Gospel written in the eleventh chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the sixteenth verse.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

"For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.
 2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
 3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in

Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.
 tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True life there had tru - ly died.
 one Church cath' - lic, one Church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;

We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
 We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
 in the bo - dy's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain

of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 then as - cend - ed and to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

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Following the Creed, please SIT.

SERMON

“Rest for the Weary”

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Ordinarily, the sermon shall be limited to three-quarters of an hour, or at most, one hour.

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

SERMON HYMN

“This is My Song”

ELW 887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



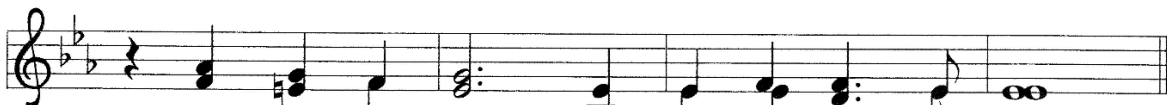
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *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.**”*

Ken Augustine, **Eleanor** Benton, **Rob** Buck, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Art** Engelage, **Michael** Foppe, **Mary** Hill, **Morris** Kugler, **Diane** Maes, **Bruce** Martens, **Diane** Martens, **Lucy** Montgomery, **Ron** Neustadt, **Jon** Newton, **Tina** Partelow, **Marilyn** Robinson, **Wilma** Shroat, **Cohen** Summers, **Carol** Weshinskey, **Gary** Weshinskey

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.*

OFFERTORY “Mansions of the Lord” Wallace/Glennie-Smith, arr. D. Richard Trumpet: Charlie Duncan

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.

OFFERING PRAYER *Please **STAND** as you are able*

Assistant: Let us pray together...

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh, you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small. Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom. Here you continue to call your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in all the world.

For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us as we join with your people in every land on earth and with all the company of heaven in your unceasing praise:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY “Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 413

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *traditional*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

LAMB OF GOD *Spoken* *Please SIT*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy 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 HYMN

“O Zion, Haste”

ELW 668



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

After the distribution is complete, the assembly STANDS for the blessing.

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION IN CIVIC LIFE

People of God, you are chosen and named as God's beloved.
You have received the gift of Christian vocation,
a holy calling lived out in various dimensions of your life,
your relationships and communities,
your work and your rest.

Daily and richly we live in the promises of holy baptism,
sustained by grace to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

I ask you, therefore:

Will you endeavor to pattern your life on Jesus Christ,
in gratitude to God and in service to others?

***Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you strive to pursue the common good in public life,
nurturing mutual care among neighbors near and far?

***Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you pledge to bear witness in word and action,
commending what is true and right,
renouncing what is unjust and harmful,
and working to mend what is flawed?

***Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.**

The presiding minister continues.

Sovereign God, your Son Jesus lived within the structures of society even as he spoke truth to those in power and challenged systems of oppression. Give to your servants courage, patience, and vision in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Empower us all in our Christian vocation to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens. Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable, and respect for the common life we share, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth – Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

ELW 888

**1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

**2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go ye in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Sherri Foppe
Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami + **Lector:** Charlie Duncan
Tech Minister: Mike Murakami + **Safety Volunteer:** Missy Kimbrell
Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Ushers:** Frank Dressel & Jason Martens
Summer Handbell Director: Bonita Vize

Notes on Today's Service

*There is evidence that Lutheran services were held in English in Philadelphia as early as 1701, in Albany, N.Y., by 1725, and in New York City before 1750, the year Henry Melchior Muhlenberg served Trinity Church, and conducted services every Sunday in Dutch, German and English. It appears that he translated most of the 1748 Liturgy, but also used, on occasion, items from the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England (the American BCP dates from 1789). It is also likely that items such as the Litany, he translated from the Marburg Hymnal (the most popular hymnal among German colonists—Christopher Sauer in Germantown, Pa., printed five editions between 1757 and 1777). All of these sources have been used in the preparation of this service. The manuscript copies of the 1748 liturgy are quite vague as to rubrics, largely because the service had to be adaptable to widely varying conditions. Those rubrics included are designed to make the service usable in an ordinary church setting, some were provided, others are inferred. This service is the work of the Adult Forum of Trinity Church, Germantown, which under the inspiration of its pastor, Dr. Edward Traill Horn, III, researched, developed and conducted this historic liturgy. *The rites related to Holy Communion were not originally included in the reconstruction of this liturgy.*



Prayer Intentions

Members

Ken Augustine, Eleanor Benton, Mary Boxdorfer, Rob Buck, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage, Michael Foppe, Mary Hill, Morris Kugler, Diane Maes, Bruce Martens, Diane Martens, Lucy Montgomery, Jon Newton, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Wilma Shroat, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Bert Alvarez, Stellamarie Bearth, John Belz, Jim Boevig, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Patrick Campbell, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Glenna Hamilton, Andrea Hendrix, Jamie House, Jimmy Jurgens, Austin Lickenbrock, Dusty Little, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martisus, Bobby McCall, Don McCoy, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Lana Perry, Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, Larry Powers, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Tom Stookey, Ingrid Thompson, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson, Molly Witherell, Karen Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Ethan Collins, Tom Fox, Taiylar Foppe Merrel, Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie, Amy Morgan

Members celebrating birthdays this week

Corbin Monfre (7/5), Mary Boxdorfer (7/6), and Abram Bearth (7/10)

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

Mark Times

News & Notes for July 5, 2026

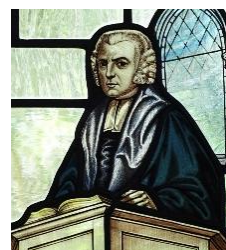
THE WEEK AHEAD

Wednesday, July 8: 9:30AM Evangelism/Social Min. meeting - conference room
12:00PM Ladies Lunch Bunch – Joe's Pizza & Pasta

Thursday, July 9: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall

“Colonial Liturgy” Returns Today!

On the occasion of the semiquincentennial of the United States of America, we celebrate the return of “a colonial liturgy in English” **today, Sunday, July 5**. Pastor Brian leads this unique service that is based on Lutheran liturgies from the 1700's, complete with “thees and thous” and period dress! Wear your colonial or patriotic outfits if you have them!



Care Facility Sing-Alongs

Join us **TODAY, Sunday, July 5** to sing some **patriotic songs and other favorite melodies** at **EverVella** (formerly Mercy/Rosewood) **Rehab & Care Center** in Swansea (meet there at **1:45PM**).

Free Summer Meals

Healthy and nutritious **free summer meals** are available for all **children ages 18 and under** for **breakfast (7:30AM-8:30AM)** and **lunch (10:30AM-1:00PM)**, **Monday through Thursday** from **June 1 through July 2** at the **Belleville East Cafeteria** (255 West Blvd, Belleville, IL). Be sure to pass the word along to any families who might benefit!



Ladies Lunch Bunch

For July's gathering, the LLB will meet this **Wednesday, July 8** at **12 noon** at **Joe's Pizza and Pasta** (4628 North Illinois, Fairview Heights). **Call Marva Dowty at 618-353-3060** with questions.

Food Pantry Collection Next Sunday

NEXT Sunday, July 12, is our monthly food collection for our pantry. We're requesting donations of **canned meats** and **peanut butter**.



****GUYS NITE 2026 – Friday, August 21 - SAVE THE DATE!****

St. Mark Offerings for 6/28: Will be included with the offerings for July 5 in the July 12 Mark Times.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

We're thrilled to continue helping to provide **free lunches for low-income kids** each week from June 1 through August 7.

Donations: Individually packaged Cheez-Its, chips, pretzels, nut-free cookies (homemade cookies are welcome!), and juice pouches (e.g., Capri Sun). Drop off at church or contact **Sherri Foppe** for other arrangements.

+ **Monetary gifts welcome:** Give to Sherri, Ann Martens, or online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7>

+ **Volunteers Needed for Packing** on **Wednesdays, 5–5:45PM** @Westview Baptist, and **Delivery** on **Thursdays, 10:35AM–1:00PM**

+ Sign-up in Parish Hall, or contact **Sherri** (618)791-6148 | cookinsherri2@gmail.com or **Ann** (618)235-7762 | ga72mart@charter.net if you have questions.

Synod Day – Register Now!



All members are invited and encouraged to attend a conference-specific day of worship, learning, fellowship, and relationship-building for all generations in each of the six conferences of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. This is a follow-up to the Synod Assembly, but you do not have to have attended the assembly to be part of this event.

The date for the **West-Central Conference's** Synod Day is **Saturday, August 29** from **10:00AM to 3:00PM** at **Our Lord's Lutheran Church in Maryville**.

Each Synod Day's program includes: Cross-generational worship; Activities for children and families; Shared meal; State of the synod video; Q&A with synod staff; Four "Spirit Lab" workshop options (each person may choose two) led by the synod staff; & "Mission moments" from each conference.

The cost is **\$10 per adult** (18 and over), \$5 for youth (3-17), and free for children under 3, capped at a total of \$25 per family. Registration is open now at **CSIS-ELCA.org/synoddays26** or by using the QR code. ***Registration closes August 10**



TRAVELING VBS with Super Heroes Deborah and Daniel

The Evangelism/Social Ministry and Christian Education committees are partnering again this year to share God's Love through the Summer Sack Lunch program! A 20-minute traveling VBS will visit four Summer Sack Lunch distribution stops, each featuring a Bible story or skit, a craft or game, and possibly music.

This is the second year for this concept, and we need four volunteers at each location to make it a success. The Hough Park and Henry Raab school stops both serve high numbers of children (30 each), so extra volunteers on those dates are especially welcome!

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall, along with Driver/Co-Pilot and Lunch Packer sign-up sheets.

DEBORAH, led by Sherri Foppe:

- Thurs, Jul 9 — 11:00–11:20 am: Jefferson School Parking Lot
 - Thurs, Jul 9 — 11:45 am–12:05 pm: Hough Park Pavilion
- Thurs, Jul 16 — 11:30–11:50 am: Swansea Trailer Park (Anna Street)
- Thurs, Jul 16 — 12:00–12:20 pm: Henry Raab School Parking Lot