ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

welcomes you!

June 1, 2025



The Seventh
Sunday of
Easter

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

"SHINE" CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1st Saturdays-Chapel)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30AM

105 EAST "D" STREET BELLEVILLE, IL 62220 EMAIL: WORSHIP@STMARKBELLEVILLE.ORG

THE REV. BRIAN M. ROBISON, PASTOR

- + **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.

WELCOME Please STAND as you are able

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

HYMN FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!

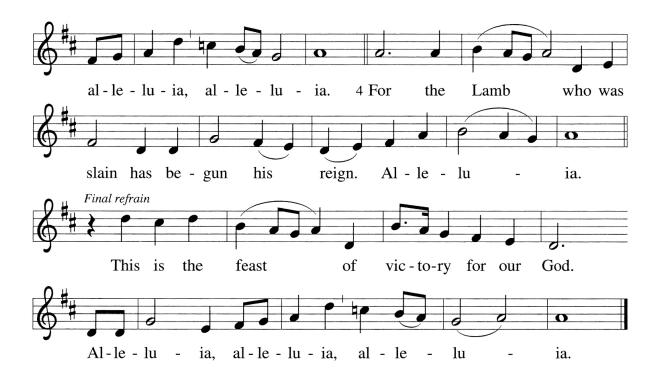


GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, 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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners

were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

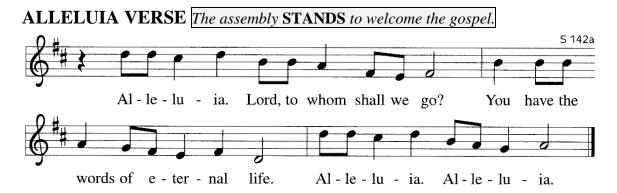
And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

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

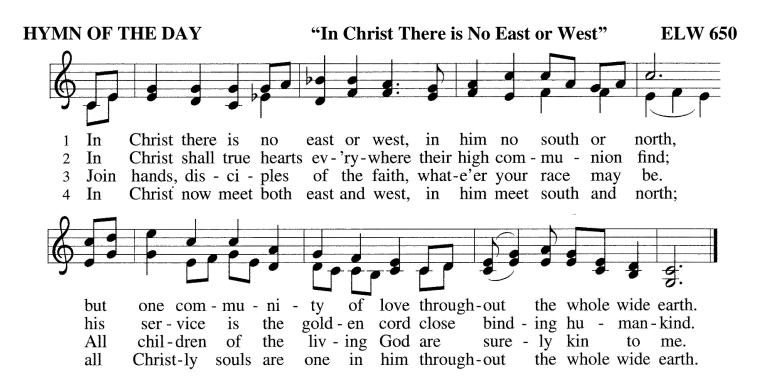
[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

SERMON "Love Before the Foundation of the World Cosmos" **The Rev. Brian M. Robison**

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



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

John Andersen, Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage, Wally Kleist,

Ivan Kohlmeier, Bruce Martens, Linda Ness, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson,

Larry Shurtleff, 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.

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

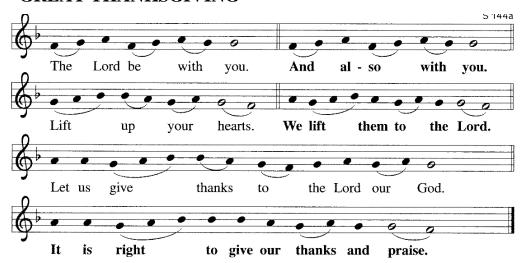
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

R. Hughes

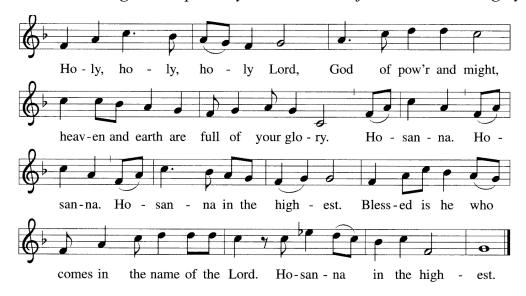
OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right...we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER contemporary

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come;

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

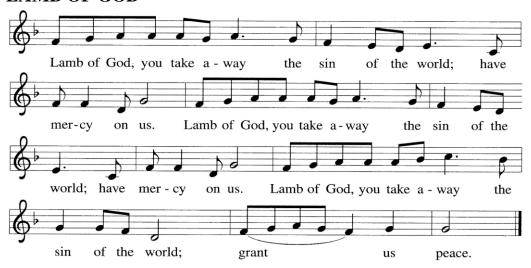
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION Please SIT

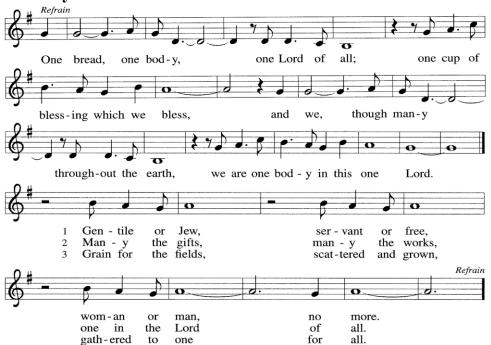
Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ♣ After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.
- You may return to your seat after communing.
- Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.
- **★** Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.
- If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.

SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

"One Bread, One Body"

ELW 496





- 1 Now the heav ens start to whis per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
- 2 Heav y clouds that block the moon-light now be gin to drift a way. 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,

Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in: Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day. come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim. In the lone-ly, in the strang-er, in the out-cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him. Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him. Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

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

TABLE BLESSING

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

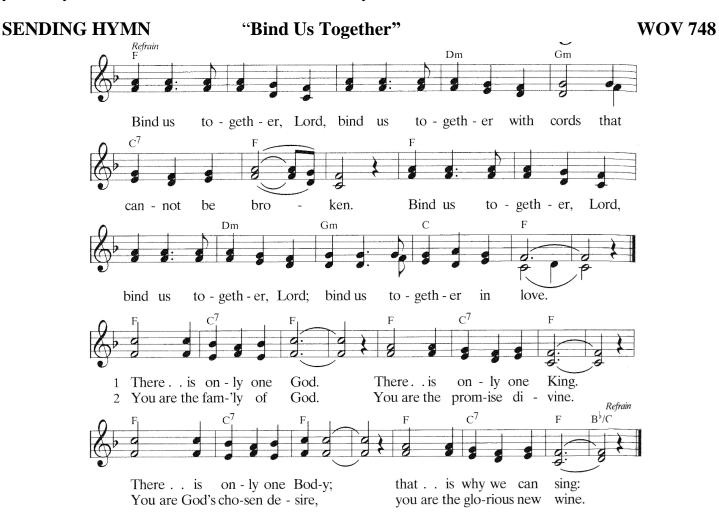


PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the Triune God who was, who is, and who is to come – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

S. Eithum

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + Assisting Minister: Greg Guenther + Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel

Lector: Charlie Duncan + Chalice Bearer & Tech Minister: Mike Murakami

Safety Volunteer: Mark Bearth + **Organist**: Evelyn Duncan + **Ushers:** Frank Dressel & Jason Martens

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

John Andersen, Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage, Wally Kleist, Ivan Kohlmeier, Bruce Martens, Linda Ness, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinskey

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,
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, Mark Klawonn,
Austin Lickenbrock, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus,
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, Goldie Rideout,
Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims,
Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Bob Vaughn, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Margie Wilson,
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 who celebrate birthdays this week

Brad Valerius (6/2) and Mike Cardoza (6/5)

Members who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries this week

Greg & Nancy Guenther (6/1), Frank & Jan Dressel (6/4), and Keith & Sue Kniepkamp (6/6)

Members Who Mourn the Loss of Loved Ones

The family and friends of **Lois Gentsch** (5/27)

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



NEWS and NOTES for June 1. 2025

Monday, June 2: 2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor

Wednesday, June 4: 10:30AM Joint Use Taskforce – Conference Room

Thursday, June 5: 6:00PM Yoga class – Parish Hall

Saturday, June 7: 6:00PM SHINE worship for the Vigil of Pentecost – Chapel

Today's Composer Spotlight - Nadia Boulanger (1887 – 1979)

Nadia Boulanger concludes our focus on some important female music artists. Ms. Boulanger is known as a teacher, composer, occasional performer, and conductor. She studied at the Conservatoire in Paris where she lived most of her life. She studied organ with Charles-Marie Widor and studied composition with Faure. Ms. Boulanger quit composing as she felt she had written "a number of useless pieces". She



concentrated on teaching and conducting. Many of the leading musicians of the 20th century were her students – Aaron Copland, Igor Stravinsky, and Quincy Jones were some of them. She became the first female to conduct major symphonies, including the BBC and Boston Symphonies and the Philadelphia Orchestra. She also conducted several world premieres, including works of Copland and Stravinsky.

While not known as a performer or composer of sacred music, Nadia Boulanger had a profound influence on the music we have heard over the years and continue to hear today.

Toddhall Open House

The **Toddhall Open House** is **TODAY**, **Sunday**, **June 1**, **2:00-5:00 pm**. This event is open to all members of St. George's and St. Mark, and the public. It includes tours, a silent auction, live organ music, hors d'oeuvres, and more. Tickets are \$25.00. For additional information, phone 618-281-8180 or e-mail www.toddhallretreat.org.

SHINE Worship on Saturday

Join us **this Saturday**, **June 7**, for a special worship service celebrating the **Vigil of Pentecost** in the **chapel** at **6:00PM** with combined musical talents from St. Mark & St. George's.



Ladies Lunch Bunch on June 11

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 11:30AM at Tavern on Main (301 E. Main Street, Belleville). Contact June Benedick at 618 977 4389 to sign up to join the group.

St. Mark Offerings (5/18): Gen. Fund: **\$2,146.96**; Food Pantry: \$25; \$45 (Dwight Ness Memorial); Muller Landscaping: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program is Back!

We're partnering again with Westview Baptist to provide free lunches for low-income kids!

Donations: Individually packaged Cheez-Its, chips, pretzels, nut-free cookies, 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: secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7
- + Food Safety: Gloves required for packing; masks optional for delivery.
- + Volunteers Needed for...

Packing: Wednesdays, 5-5:45 PM @ Westview Baptist

Delivery: Thursdays, 10:35 AM-1 PM

Dates: June 4–Aug 7 (weekly)

+ Sign-up in Parish Hall!

Info: Sherri (618)791-6148 | cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann (618)235-7762 | ga72mart@charter.net

Summer Sack Lunch Mini Traveling VBS

The Evangelism/Social Ministry and Christian Education teams are launching a **new mini traveling VBS** during Summer Sack Lunch deliveries!

We'll visit 4 distribution sites with a 20-minute program featuring **Bible heroes David** and **Queen Esther**, including a story/skit, craft or game, and possibly music.

Volunteers Needed!

Each site needs **4–5 helpers** (more on **June 19 & July 10** at Hough Park, which serves 40–50 children). No experience needed—just a heart to serve!

Program Dates & Times:

- **June 19** (10:50 AM–1:15 PM) *David & Goliath*, led by Sherri Foppe
- **June 26** (11:20 AM–12:30 PM) David & Goliath
- **July 10** (10:50 AM–1:15 PM) *Queen Esther*, led by Jan Richards
- **July 17** (11:20 AM–12:30 PM) Queen Esther
- Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall (with the Driver/Co-Pilot and Lunch Packers sheets).

Looking Ahead...

Consider joining the group of us traveling to **Mercy** (now EverVella) **Rehab & Care Center** (Swansea) and **Freeburg Care Center** on **Sunday**, **June 29** to **sing** some patriotic songs and other favorite melodies. More information coming soon!

Also in process is a congregational **pool party** at **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club**, tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday**, **July 29**!

The Joint Safety Committee is sponsoring a class on **Saturday September 20** from 9am-1pm.

Chestnut Health Systems will present information on *Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Narcan and Suicide Awareness/Prevention*. If these subjects are of interest to you, please put this class on your calendar. A sign-up will be available later in the summer. For questions, please call Sue Vaughn at 618-593-7213.



Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 2-5PM Toddhall Open House	2 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	3	4 10:30AM Joint Use Taskforce — CR	5 6:00PM Yoga	6 St. Mark Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	6:00PM SHINE Worship— chapel
8 The Feast of Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	9:30AM H&W Meeting-CR	10	9:00AM Evang/Soc. Min mtg—CR 11:30PM Ladies' Lunch Bunch at Tavern on Main	12 6:00PM Yoga	St. Mark Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	14
15 Holy Trinity Sunday 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	16 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor 6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee	5:30P Food Pantry meeting— CR	18	Office Closed Office Closed 6:00PM Yoga	St. Mark Office Closed Pastor on Vacan	21 tion 6/20-6/27
22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	23 7:00PM Church Council Mtg.	24 6:00PM Safety Committee— CR	25	26 6:00PM Yoga	27 St. Mark Office Closed	28
Pastor on Vacation 6/20-6/27						
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29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 1:00PM Care Facility Sing-Along Randi on Va	30 cation 6/27 to 7/4					

<u>Date</u>	Assisting Minister	Lector	Crucifer	Chalice Bearer	<u>Tech</u> <u>Minister</u>	<u>Usher</u>	Safety Volunteer	Coffee Hour
June 1	Greg G.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Mark B.	Team 5
June 8	Danielle T.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Greg M.	Rex R. & Rick C.	Jan R.	Team 6
June 15	Sherri F.	Terry T.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Melanie R.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Frank D.	Team 7
June 22	Charlie D.	Curtis D.	Corbin M.	Greg G.	Mike M.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Mark B.	Team 8
June 29	Danielle T.	Jan L.	Greg M.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Mark B. & TBD	Melanie R.	H&W



Brad V. Mike C. 6/8 6/2 Trevor C. 6/5 Cheryl N. Charles P. Deb G. 6/13 6/11 6/13 Karen E. Jackie L. 6/17 6/20 Mary H. 6/23 Alice M. 6/24 Bonnie S. 6/25 Cynthia S. 6/25 Ruth C. 6/29 Tony S. 6/29 Mary B. 6/25 Logan D. 6/29 Mary W. 6/30





Greg & Nancy G.	6/1
Keith & Sue K.	6/6
Jan & Frank D.	6/4
Quinton & Courtney R.	6/8
Rex & Kathy R.	6/12
Natalie & Jeremy H.	6/14
Bruce & Diane M.	6/16
John & Peggy A.	6/19
Carol & Gary W.	6/19
Nathan & Amy P.	6/25
June & Craig B.	6/28