

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

July 6,
2025



The Fourth
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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THE REV. BRIAN M. ROBISON, PASTOR

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

PRELUDE

“Fanfare on America”

J. Dixon

WELCOME *Please STAND as you are able*

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

You may KNEEL or remain as you are. Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are + forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“We All are One in Mission”

ELW 576

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10, 12-14

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹²For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

SECOND READING PSALM 66:1-9

¹Be joyful in God, | all you lands; be joyful, | all the earth.

²Sing the glory | of God's name; sing the glory | of God's praise.

³Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

⁴All the earth bows | down before you,
sings to you, sings | out your name."

⁵Come now and see the | works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

⁶God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'
¹⁶Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

SERMON

“Peace Be with This House”

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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”...*

John Andersen, **Eleanor** Benton, **Toni** Brendel, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Art** Engelage, **Wally** Kleist,
Ivan Kohlmeier, **Bruce** Martens, **Diane** 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 “An Americana Medley” *arr. A. Fuchs*
Aaron Fuchs, alto saxophone

OFFERING PRAYER *Please STAND as you are able*

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

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away 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.*

SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

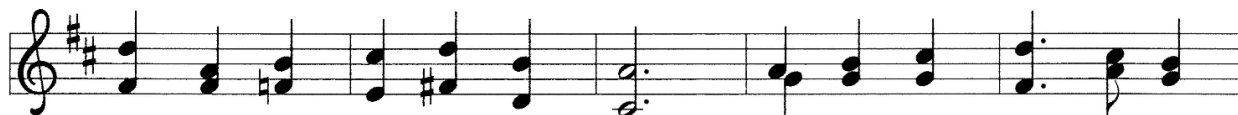


pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW 803

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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...

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves,

and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

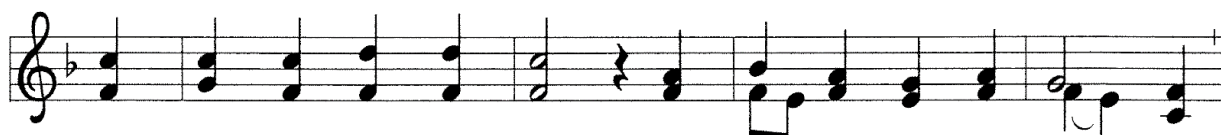
BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

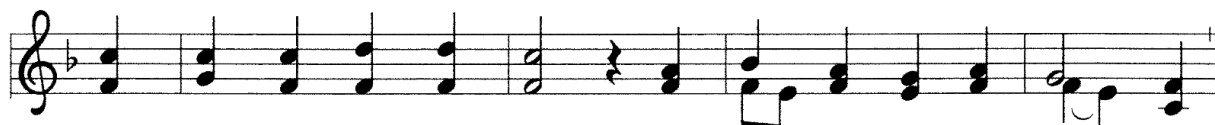
SENDING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW 840



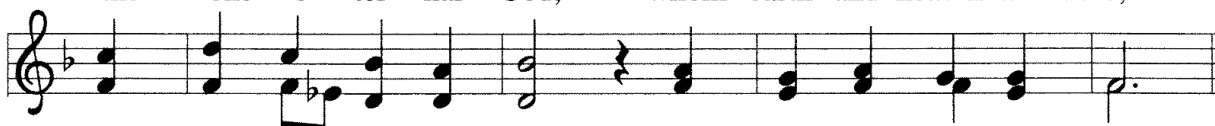
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Fugue"

G.F. Handel

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister & Lector:** Charlie Duncan
Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel + **Chalice Bearer & Tech Minister:** Mike Murakami
Safety Volunteer: Mark Bearth + **Guest Musician:** Aaron Fuchs
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, Diane 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, John Belz, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer,
Jim Braeutigam, Jordyn Brazelton, Patty Brennecke, 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 Martisus, Glenda Martisus,
Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn,
Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, 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

Mary Boxdorfer (7/6), Abram Bearth (7/10), and Darren Kilzer (7/12)

Members who grieve the loss of loved ones

Curt Gansmann, on the passing of his mother, Sandy (7/1)

“This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.”

— **Martin Luther**

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for July 6, 2025

Monday, July 7: 2:30PM Fiber Arts @Westfield Manor
Wednesday, July 9: 12:00PM Ladies Lunch Bunch at Frank's Restaurant
Thursday, July 3: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall



Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

Give our food pantry a hand **next Sunday** by bringing a donation of **canned meats (stew, chicken and dumplings, spam, pasta sauce)** to church and placing it in the collection basket in the narthex.



Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

We're partnering 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 M., 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 – Part 2 This Week!

The Evangelism/Social Ministry and Christian Education teams are ready for part 2 of our **mini traveling VBS** during the Summer Sack Lunch deliveries!

Both distribution sites include a 20-minute program featuring **Bible heroine Queen Esther**, with a story/skit, craft or game, and possibly music.

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

Remaining Program Dates & Times:

- **July 10** (10:50 AM–12:15 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).



Ladies Lunch Bunch This Week!

All Saint Mark ladies are invited to join the Lunch Bunch at **Frank's Restaurant** (200 Lincoln Highway, Fairview Heights), **THIS Wednesday, July 9 at 12:00 noon**. Contact Sherri Foppe with questions 618-791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com

St. Mark Pool Party and Picnic!

The Evangelism & Social Ministry committee invites you to our first St. Mark pool party and picnic, hosted by **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club** (1513 S. Illinois Street, Belleville) on **Tuesday, July 29** from **4:00-8:00PM!**



Food and drinks will be **available to purchase on-site** (no outside food and drink allowed).

The **pool** will be open and ready to help us tackle the late July heat. **Pickleball** courts will be available from 4-5:30pm and again from 7-8:00pm.

*This event will take the place of our annual August/September church picnic, so **bring your table games** and reignite those rivalries!

Admission is FREE!

Sign-up on the sheets in the narthex or downstairs in the Parish Hall.

Looking Ahead...

Mark your calendars for the third annual "**Guys Nite**" on **Friday, August 22**. Volunteers for planning, set-up, clean-up would be great. Keep an eye on the *Mark Times* for updates!

Heroes & Hand-Me-Downs: The Great Church Lot Bash is coming to a big parking lot near you! Watch for more information coming soon about this community event on **Saturday, September 13** from **10am-2pm** featuring a **rummage sale**, "**touch the trucks**," and maybe a few **superheroes** dropping in!



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*. A sign-up sheet will be available later in the summer.

Offerings for 6/29 and 7/6 will be reported when Randi returns from vacation

St. Mark Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Ronald C. Neustadt

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

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