ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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July 13, 2025



The Fifth 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

- + 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please STAND as you are able, 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.**



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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD, and teach | me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from | everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that

you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

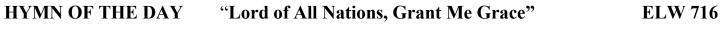
A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON "The Road Between Thoughts and Action" The Rev. Brian M. Robison





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 SHINE Musicians

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

Assistant: Let us pray together... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

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, the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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.

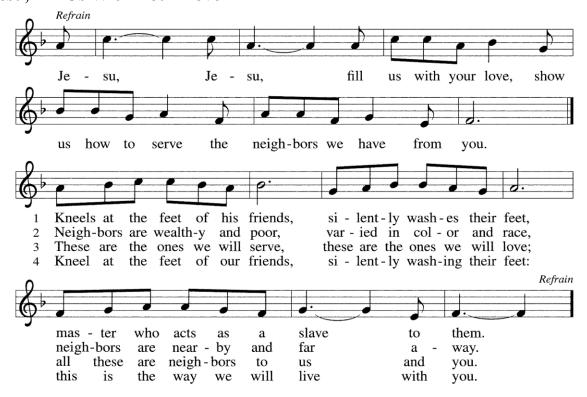
- f A fter receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.
- ♥ You may return to your seat after communing.
- Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.
- Reception of the Eucharist 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.

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SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

ELW 708



"Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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.**



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

R. Ornate

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Sherri Foppe **Crucifer:** Frank Dressel + **Lector:** Aaron Fuchs + **Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow

Tech Minister: Greg Martens + **Safety Volunteer:** Mark Bearth **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan + **Ushers:** Rex Rothgangel & Rick Crosby

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 Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus,
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

Becky Schnitzius (7/14), Mike Kimbrell (7/15), Katrina Bearth (7/18), and Ron Kenley (7/19)

Members who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries this week

Monica & Tom Lynch (7/15)

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



NEWS and NOTES for July 13, 2025

Monday, July 14: 9:30AM Health & Wellness meeting – conference room

Thursday, July 17: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall

Pool Party and Picnic on 7/29!

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.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program providing 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

+ 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 – Program Concludes This Week!

THIS Thursday, July 17 from 11:20AM-12:30PM, the Evangelism/Social Ministry and Christian Education teams conclude part 2 of our mini traveling VBS during the Summer Sack Lunch deliveries.

The program at the distribution site includes a 20-minute program featuring **Bible heroine Queen Esther**, with a story/skit, craft or game, and possibly music.

Volunteers Needed! The only requirement is a heart to serve!

Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall (with the Driver/Co-Pilot and Lunch Packers sheets).

Offerings (6/29 & 7/6): Gen. Fund: **\$5,108**; D. Ness Memorials: \$100; Summer Lunches:

\$297.43; Coffee Hour: \$41



School Supply Collection!

Believe it or not, it will soon be Back-to-School time! We will again collect **school supplies** to support Franklin Elementary. **Collections run through August 3**. A box and can are in the narthex/Canterbury Room. Items needed: **plastic 3-prong folders - all colors**; **24 count crayons**; **standard 10 count markers**; **ear phones/ear buds for computer use**; **dry erase markers - all colors**; **high-lighters - all colors**; **facial tissues**; **baby wipes**; **quart and gallon zip-lock bags**; **glue sticks**; **sharpies**; **water colors**; **3 ring binders 1" - 3"**. And **cash**, of course, is always helpful!

They do **NOT** need: spiral notebooks; loose-leaf paper; rulers; Elmer's glue; ballpoint pens; pencils.

Coffee Hour Teams

Being on a Coffee Hour team is not just "bringing snacks and making coffee;" it is a **ministry of service and hospitality** to our members and guests that is MUCH appreciated. If you would like to serve on a coffee hour team, or be a captain, or make a change to a different role on a team, please contact Melanie Robison in person or at 314-265-8722 or melanierobison@earthlink.com.



Guys' Nite Returns in 2025!



St. George's and St. Mark are inviting all the guys for an evening hangout on **Friday**, **August 22! Events** will start at **5pm** with **dinner** at **6pm**, complete with brats, sides, beer, and desserts. **New** in 2025: **INDOOR** options as well, including cards, board games, and more! Returning in 2025: Pickleball on Jackson Street! Look for official signup sheets soon, along with other updates and details. Save the date and alert your guys!

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 tailgate 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.

Stay Safe this Summer. Pt. 1

Summer is a great time for fun and relaxation, but it's also important to stay safe. Here are some **summer safety tips** that will help to make your summer more enjoyable and you healthy!

Sun Safety

- **Use sunscreen**: SPF 30 or higher, reapply every 2 hours.
- Wear protective clothing: Hats, sunglasses, and long sleeves when possible.
- Avoid peak sun hours: Stay in the shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Hydration

- Drink plenty of water: Especially if you're active or in the heat.
- Avoid sugary or alcoholic drinks: They can dehydrate you.
- Eat water-rich foods: Like watermelon, cucumbers, and oranges.