

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
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May 25,
2025



The Sixth
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

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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 to 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

“Adoration”

by F. Price

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!

GATHERING HYMN

“Come We That Love the Lord”

ELW 625



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad,
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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.**

Refrain S 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Psalm 67

- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
 may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²Let your way be known | upon earth,
 your saving health among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
 let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
 for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
 let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶The earth has brought | forth its increase;
 God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
 and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

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

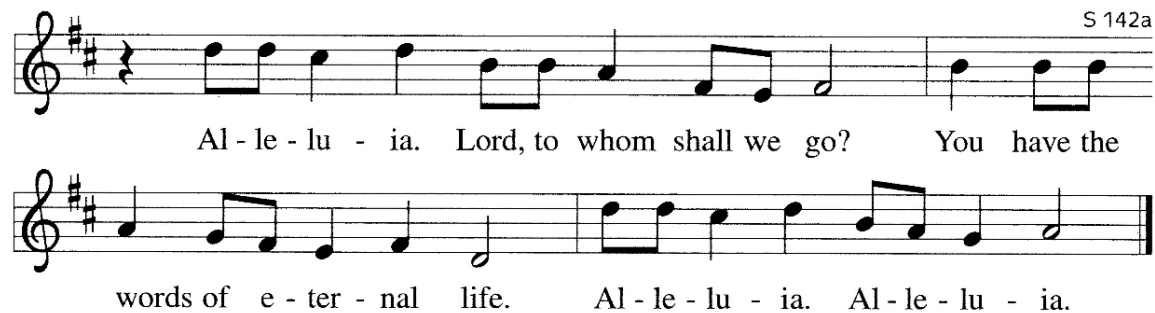
SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

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



GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

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

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say

to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Please SIT*

SERMON "Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled"

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

ELW 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *The names of those for whom we pray aloud (members, staff, first-time additions) are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin. The response to "Hear us, O God," is "Your mercy is great."*

John Andersen, **Eleanor** Benton, **Toni** Brendel, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Art** Engelage, **Lois** Gentsch, **Ivan** Kohlmeier, **Bruce** Martens, **Linda** Ness, **Kim** Palmer, **Tina** Partelow, **Marilyn** Robinson, **Larry** Shurtleff, **Cohen** Summers, **Carol** Weshinskey, **Gary** Weshinskey, **Mark** Klawonn

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.*

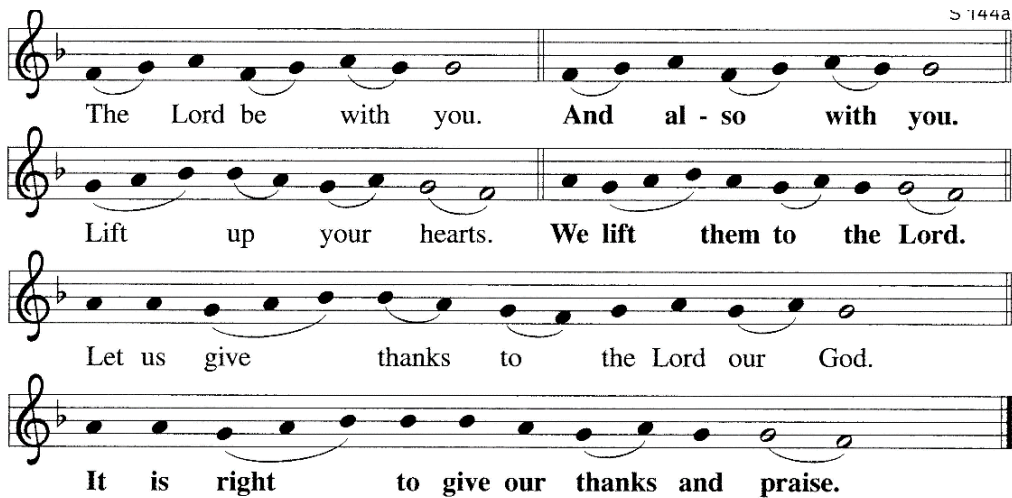
OFFERTORY "Lord, Listen to Your Children" by Ken Medema Men's Chorus

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.**

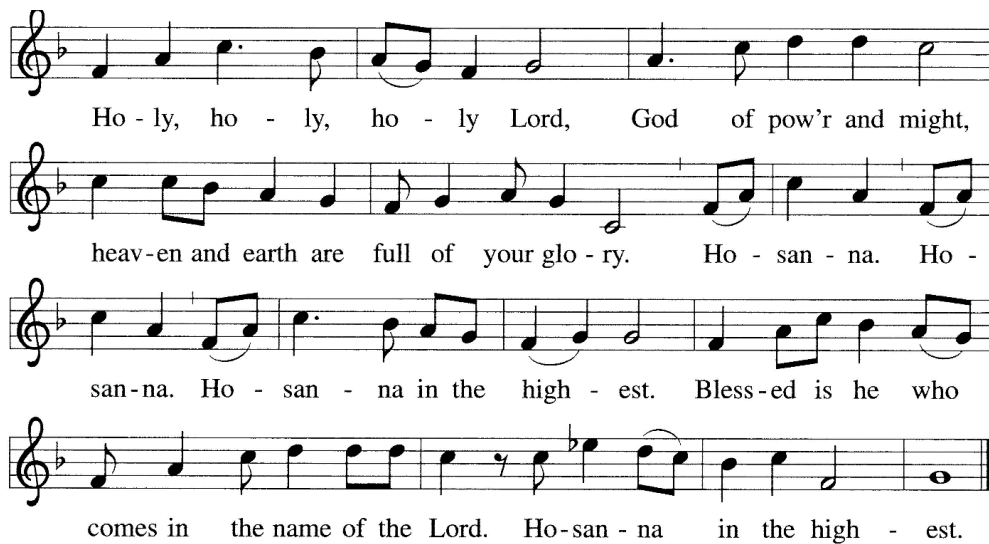
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

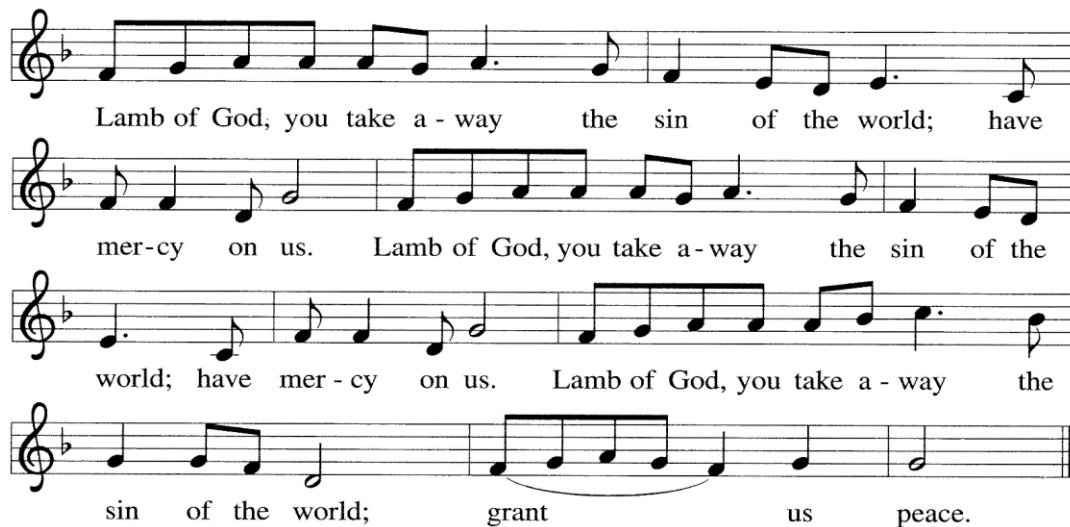
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

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.



“Immortal, Invisible”

ELW 834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

CHANCEL CHOIR “Revive Us Again” by W. Mackay, J. Husband, and M. Hayes

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.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise” ELW #204



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray 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.**

SENDING HYMN

“We are Marching in the Light”

ELW 866

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

“March on the Old 100th Psalm Tune”

B. Portman

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Charlie Duncan
Crucifer: Corbin Monfre + **Lector:** Curtis Dowty + **Chalice Bearer:** Greg Martens
Tech Minister: Aaron Fuchs + **Safety Volunteer:** TBD + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan
Choir Director: Carol Kugler + **Ushers:** Kathy Casey & Nancy Guenther

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

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

St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Jordyn Brazelton, Patty Brennecke, Doug Carpenter, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, 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 Martisusz, Glenda Martisusz, 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

Dee Zipfel (5/27), Frank Dressel (5/27), Roger Carnaghi (5/28), Lucy Downen (5/30), and John Andersen (5/31)

Members who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries this week

Elizabeth & Rick Crosby (5/29)

Members Who Mourn the Loss of Loved Ones

Linda Ness and family on the death of **Dwight Ness** (5/19)

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

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MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for May 25, 2025

Monday, May 26: *Memorial Day – Office Closed*

Tuesday, May 27: 6:00PM Pastoral Care Meeting – Conference Room
7:00PM Council Meeting – Conference Room

Thursday, May 29: 7:00PM Ascension Joint Worship – Church
8:00PM Ice Cream Social – Breezeway

Ascension Day Worship on Thursday!

Join us **THIS Thursday, May 29** at **7:00 PM** for our joint Ascension Day service with St. George's. Pr. Brian will preach, and an ice cream social will follow. Celebrate and enjoy fellowship with our Episcopal friends!

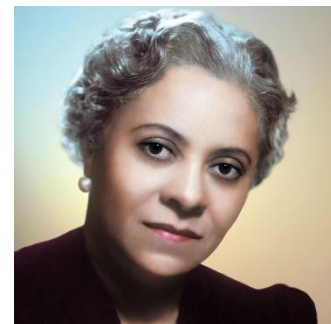


Worship Focus for May – Female Musicians

This month, we are featuring in our worship services some female musicians who have had an influence on our music today. Each week features a short biography on the individual and a prelude or postlude they have composed. Come a few minutes early, read their bio (below), and hear beautiful music as you prepare for worship.

Today's Composer Spotlight - *Florence Price* (1887 - 1953)

This lady was a child prodigy! At the turn of the century, she was breaking barriers in race and gender. She gave her first recital at age 4, had her first composition published at age 11, and graduated high school as valedictorian at age 14. Four years later, she graduated with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music, having earned an artist diploma in organ and a teaching certificate. During that time, she wrote her first symphony. Ms. Price began as a pianist/organist then focused on composition but continued to perform. She taught at small colleges in Arkansas and Atlanta and became the head of the Music Department at Clark Atlanta University in Georgia. Her music was influenced by spirituals and African Church music. Ms. Price became the first African-American female to have a major United States symphony (the Chicago Symphony) perform her work. Most of her compositions were symphonic, however she began as an organist and did write for organ. You will hear one of her pieces as this morning's **prelude**.



Toddhall Open House

The **Toddhall Open House** is next **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.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program is Back!

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

Donations (starting May 18): 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).

St. Mark Offerings (5/18): Gen. Fund: **\$1,977.44**; Food Pantry: \$5

Looking Ahead...

Consider joining the group of us traveling to **Mercy 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.