ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

welcomes you!

June 8, 2025



The Feast of 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 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.

WELCOME Please STAND as you are able

Blessed be the one God - Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

READING Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

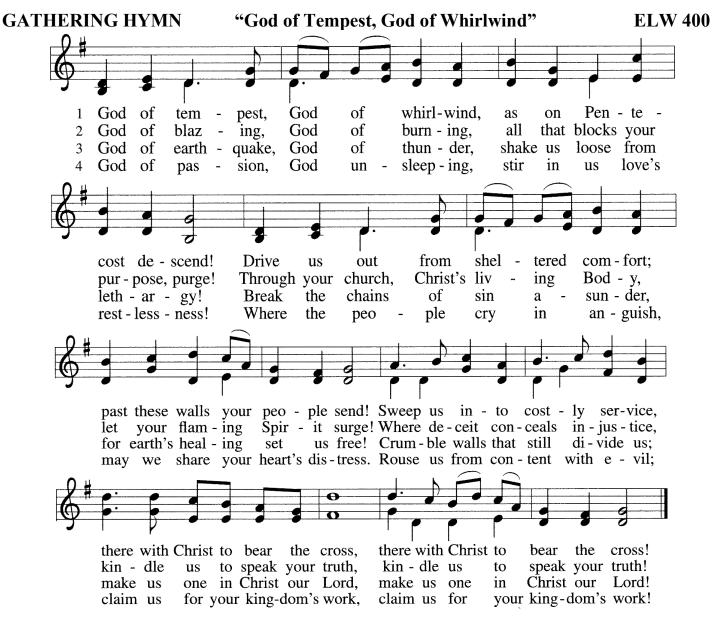
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above

and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

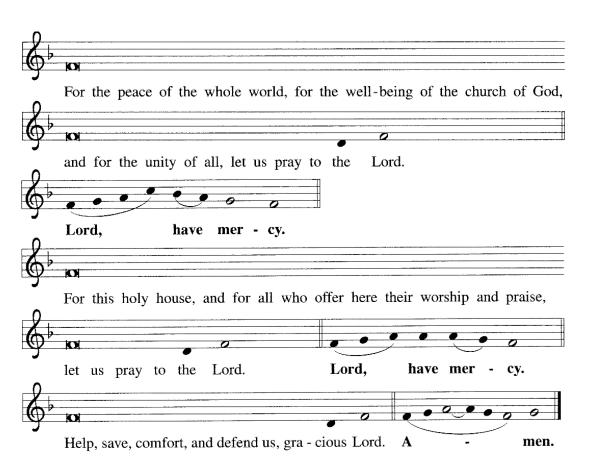
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."



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.**







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PRAYER OF THE DAY

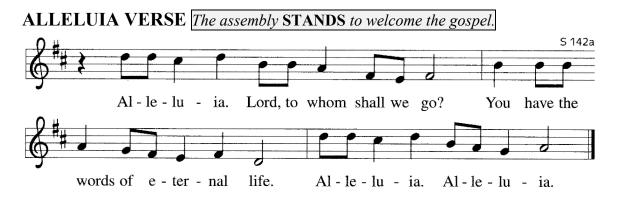
Let us pray... God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

READING: Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: John 14:8-17

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

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

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

SERMON "Fluent in the Language of the Spirit" The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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





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, John Belz

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

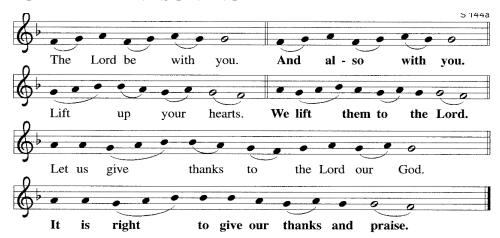
"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

J. Barr

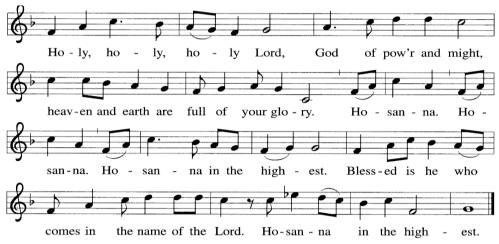
OFFERING PRAYER

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.

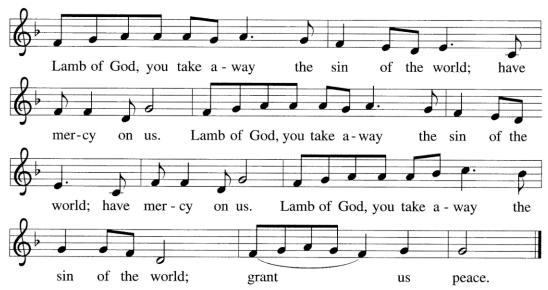
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW 631



"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

ELW 403

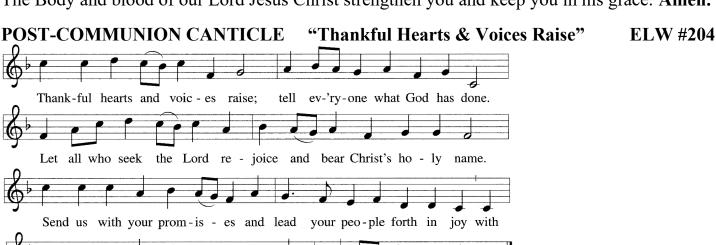
After the distribution is complete, the assembly STANDS for the blessing.

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

TABLE BLESSING

shouts

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



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.**



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

"Prelude in Classic Style"

G. Young

ACS 942

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribout **Crucifer:** Frank Dressel + **Lector:** Aaron Fuchs + **Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow

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

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

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St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, John Belz, 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

Trevor Crosby (6/8), Charlie Palmer (6/11), Cheryl Newsome (6/13), and Debbie Guenther (6/13)

Members who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries this week

Quinton & Courtney Roberts (6/8), Rex & Kathy Rothgangel (6/12), and Natalie & Jeremy Hayes (6/14)

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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NEWS and NOTES for June 8. 2025

Monday, June 9: 9:30AM Health & Wellness Meeting – Conference Room

Wednesday, June 11: 9:30AM Evangelism/Social Ministry Meeting – Conference Room

11:30AM Ladies' Lunch Bunch at Tavern on Main

Thursday, June 12: 6:00PM Yoga class – Parish Hall

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.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

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).



From the Parish Nurse...

June is National Safety Month! This is a good time to focus on key safety practices in different areas of your life. Today, the focus is on **Roadway safety**.

Roadway safety is crucial for preventing accidents and ensuring a smooth journey. Here are some key tips to keep in mind:

- Buckle Up: Always wear your seatbelt—every trip, every time.
- Stay Focused: Avoid distractions like texting, eating, or adjusting the stereo while driving.
- Obey Speed Limits: Speeding increases the risk of severe injuries in a crash.
- Drive Sober: Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, even prescription drugs.
- Check Your Vehicle: Ensure your car is in good condition before long trips—check fluid levels, tires, brakes, and lights.
- Avoid Drowsy Driving: Take breaks on long drives and get enough rest before hitting the road.

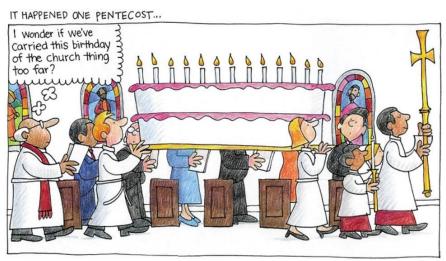
Looking Ahead...

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.

Please note that the **Christian Education classes**, *including Adult Forums and Table Talks*, will be on hiatus for the summer and will resume in September.



St. Mark Offerings (6/1): Gen. Fund: **\$4,005.91**; St. Louis Tornado Relief: \$285; Coffee Fund: \$9 Dwight Ness Memorials: \$610.66; Lois Gentsch Memorials: \$1,378.34; Sunday Morning Coffee: \$92

