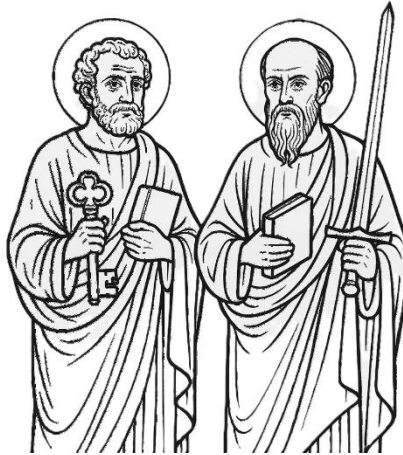


ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

June 29,
2025



Peter &
Paul,
Apostles

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

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.

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

Based on Psalm 87

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

ELW 647

Sung to the tune of “Austria”

1 Glorious things of you are spo-ken,
Zion, city of ou-r God!
He whose word cannot be bro-ken
formed you for his own a-bode.
On the Ro-ck of Ages foun-ded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you ma-y smile a-t all your foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters,
and all fear of want re-move.
Who can faint, while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Nev-er fails fro-m age to- age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

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... Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Following the prayer, please SIT.*

WORD

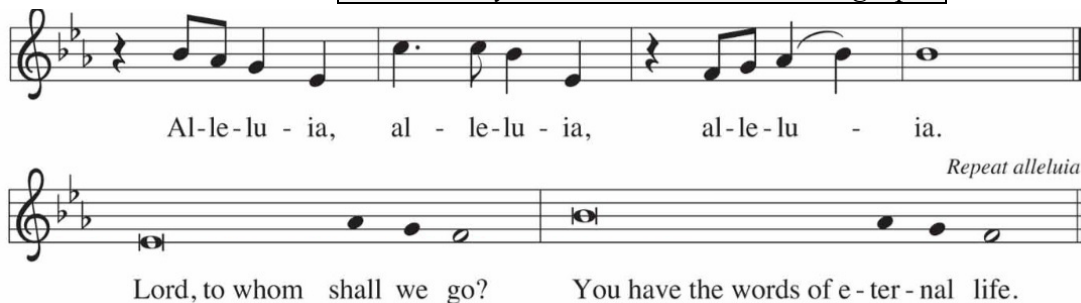
FIRST READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

[Paul writes,] ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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



GOSPEL: John 21:15-17, 19b

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

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁹After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

ELW 645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

LITURGY OF HEALING

Let us pray... God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving-kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, the Physician of our bodies and souls, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LITANY OF HEALING

Silently or aloud, let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers...

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, disabled, or in any need especially...

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

That they may be made whole, we pray; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, therapists, and all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders; **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life; **And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life; **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS & ANOINTING

The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laying on of hands and anointing, we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness in spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity. If you are coming forward for healing in place of another, please hold that person in your heart and mind as you are being prayed over.



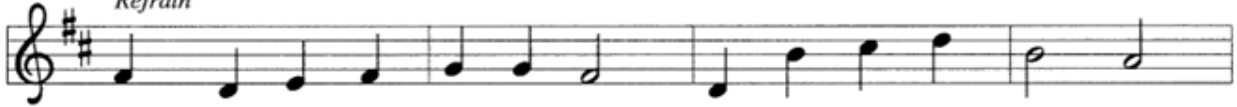
Please come forward for prayer as you wish. You may be seated when you return to your pew.

HYMNS DURING THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW 612

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

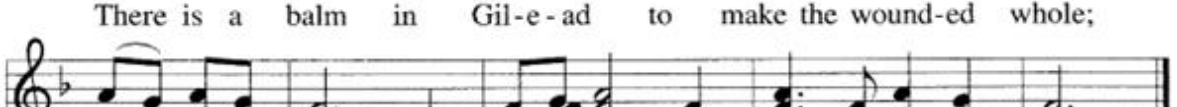
“There is a Balm in Gilead”

ELW 614

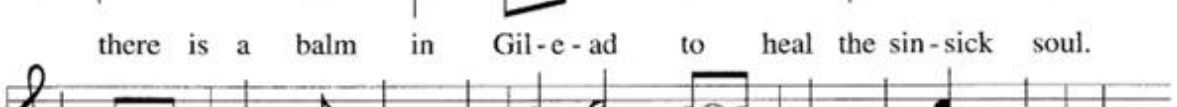
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There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;

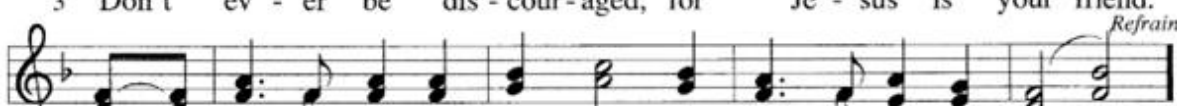


there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend.

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray... Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all those before you today. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a greeting of peace with one another. Following **the Peace**, you may be seated for a few moments.*

OFFERING *Your offering today may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.*

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray... **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, 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:

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

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

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

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.**

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.

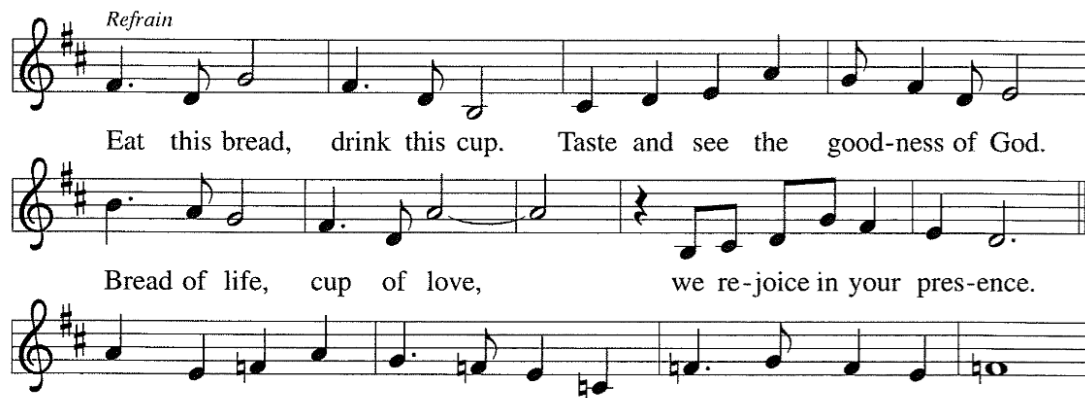
- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the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

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

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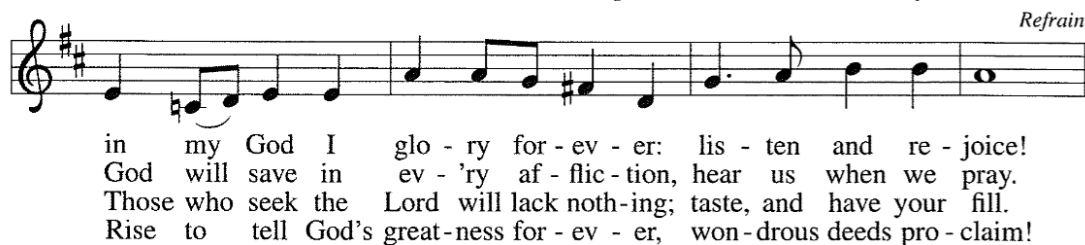
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Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

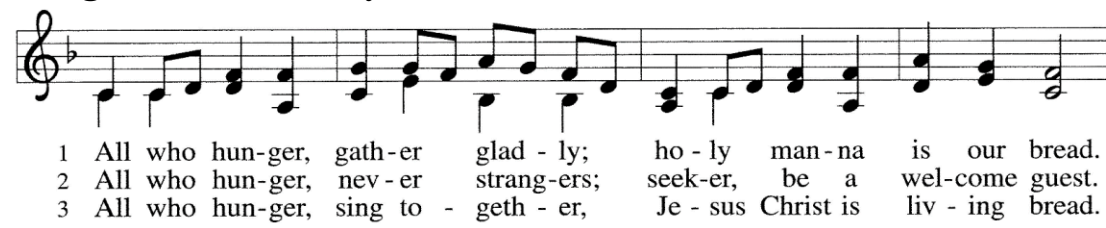
Refrain



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

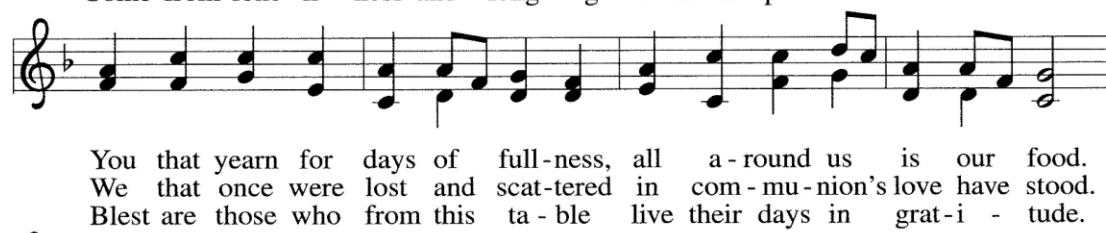
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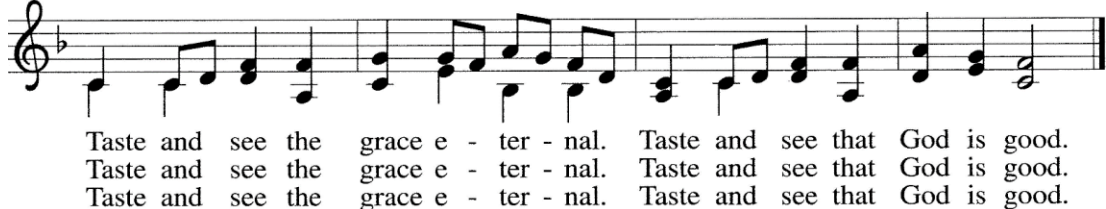
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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.**

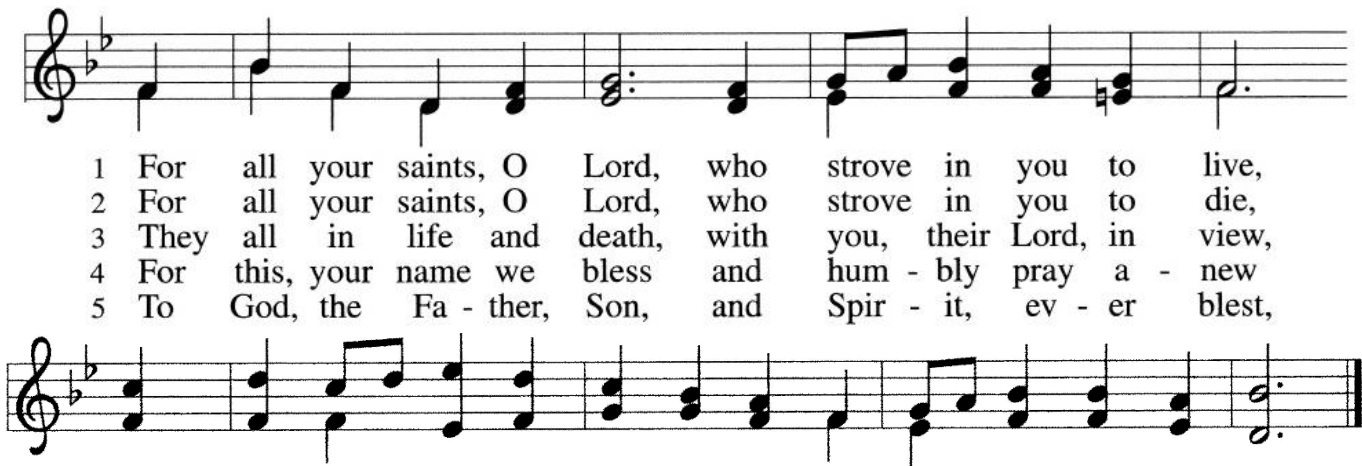
BENEDICTION

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

“For All Your Saints”

ELW 427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia

POSTLUDE

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribout

Lector: Corbin Monfre + **Crucifer & Chalice Bearer:** Greg Martens + **Tech Minister:** Aaron Fuchs

Safety Volunteer: Melanie Robison + **Guest Organist:** Nancy Ypma + **Ushers:** Mark Bearth & TBD

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

John Andersen, Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage,
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Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinskey

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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

Ruth Carnaghi (6/29), Mary Buehlhorn (6/29), Logan Downen (6/29), Mary Wittenstrom (6/30),
Terry Tribout (7/1), Pete Wittenstrom (7/1), Jan Richards (7/1), and Corbin Monfre (7/5)

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

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Summary of the 2025 Central/Southern Illinois Synod

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod met on June 5-7 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, where God dwelled with us as we conducted business, listened to what God is doing across the synod, and joined together in fellowship.

The Rev. Dr. Dwight Zscheile of Luther Seminary provided three keynote presentations on adapting the church to serve in the 21st century, titled "Church in a Perfect Storm," "Following Jesus in Community," and "Searching for Lydia: Joining God's Mission in Your Context." These sessions were accompanied by three "Spirit Lab" breakout sessions: "Listening to God," "Listening to Each Other," and "Listening to Our Neighbors."

Business: The assembly elected the Rev. Dr. Pete Hinrich to the Consultation Committee; the Rev. Kathi Boland, Cynthia Davis, the Rev. David Glesne, Brian Moulton, and the Rev. Linda Strader to the Committee on Discipline; Cory Newman to Synod Council as member at large; and Victor Harling to Synod Council as young adult member. Marilyn Dichsen and Mark Harms were reelected to Synod Council as youth member and member at large, respectively.

The assembly adopted the proposed budget for 2026 and approved a memorial to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly for a national day of remembrance for Indian boarding schools and a resolution on our synod's financial support plan for our companion synods in Madagascar.

Worship: The assembly Festival Worship was held on the evening of June 5 in the sanctuary of St. John's. Bishop Busboom and his staff were presented with custom stoles and a banner, which were made from pieces of fabric that had been provided by our discipleship communities for the bishop's installation. Liturgical music for the service was written by Pastor Patrick Jenkins; rostered ministers and discipleship communities celebrating anniversary milestones were recognized; and the worship offering brought in more than \$14,000 for our companion synods in Madagascar!

Pedal for a Purpose: Led by the Rev. Adam Dichsen, Pedal for a Purpose raised more than \$5,000 for campus ministry. In addition to a very wet bike ride on June 4 and a short ride on June 5, an exercise bike was available for people to "ride" for donations.

Fellowship: As always, there was plenty of food and time for fellowship at the assembly. Friday started with a National Donut Day celebration, with donuts generously provided by one of our rostered leaders and his wife in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary. Boxed lunches were provided as each conference ate together between Spirit Labs. Friday evening featured an "Oktoberfest celebration" of brats, pork chops, sauerkraut, potato salad, and more, followed by a "brat toss" (like a water balloon toss) and accompanied by Al's Pals polka band.

Next year: The 2026 Synod Assembly will be an experimental one, with an online-only business session in June and "Synod days" of learning, worship, and fellowship in each conference in the fall. The assembly will be an in-person event in 2027.

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for June 29, 2025

Friday, 6/27-7/4:

Randi on vacation

Wednesday, July 2: 10:30AM Joint Use Taskforce meeting – Conference Room

Thursday, July 3: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall

Saturday, July 5: 4:00PM Patriotic Potluck – Parish Hall

6:00PM SHINE worship (Colonial Liturgy) - Chapel

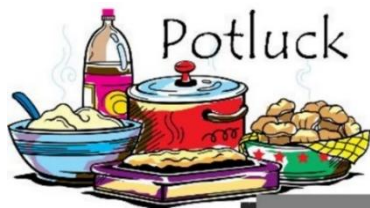
Care Facility Sing-Alongs Today!

Join us TODAY as we travel to **Mercy** (now EverVella) **Rehab & Care Center** (Swansea) at **1:00PM** and **Freeburg Care Center** at **4:00PM** to **sing** some patriotic songs and other favorite melodies. We'll get a bite to eat and/or stop for ice cream in between!

Randi on Vacation

Administrative Assistant Randi Cardoza is on vacation through July 4. Please contact Pastor Brian for any office needs during this time.

Patriotic Potluck Next Saturday!



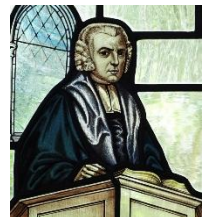
Please join us for some great food and fun fellowship **NEXT Saturday, July 5 from 4:00 to 6:00pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Fried Chicken, condiments and paper products provided!

Get ready for some **“Lutheran Family Feud”** as part of the festivities!

Sign-up sheets to assist with sides, desserts, and planning are in the Canterbury Room (Narthex) and Parish Hall.

The “Colonial Liturgy” SHINEs on Saturday!

After the Potluck, stick around for a **very patriotic SHINE service** in the **chapel** at **6:00PM** featuring the return of “a colonial liturgy in English.” Pastor Brian will lead this unique service that is based on Lutheran liturgies from the 1700’s, complete with “thees and thous” and period dress!



Summer Sack Lunch Mini Traveling VBS – Part 2 Coming Soon!

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).

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



From the Parish Nurse...

June is National Safety Month! Today, the focus is on **Personal Safety**.

Personal safety is all about being aware of your surroundings and taking precautions to protect yourself. Situational awareness is the ability to pay attention to what is happening around you.

Key tips:

- **Stay alert:** Always be aware of the people and environment around you, especially in unfamiliar or isolated areas.
- **Minimize the time you spend looking at your phone:** Looking down at your mobile or tablet device distracts you from being able to see what's happening around you.
- **Keep an eye out for abnormal behaviors and events:** You're looking for things that don't fit in with the environment. If a person is loud and obnoxious in a relatively quiet place, or someone is abnormally quiet in a loud environment -pay attention. If a car has been circling the parking lot, but not taking any of the available spots, consider why that might be the case.
- **Trust your instincts:** If something feels off, don't ignore it—take action to remove yourself from the situation.
- **Secure your belongings:** Keep valuables out of sight and be mindful of pickpockets in crowded places.
- **Plan ahead:** Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return, especially if traveling alone.
- **Use well-lit areas:** Avoid dark alleys or secluded spots when walking at night.
- **Keep emergency contacts handy:** Have important numbers saved in your phone and know the nearest safe locations.
- **Be cautious online:** Protect your personal information and avoid sharing sensitive details with strangers.

Looking Ahead...

In process is a congregational **pool party** at **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club** on **Tuesday, July 29** from **4-8PM!**

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!

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 will be available later in the summer.

St. Mark Offerings (6/22): Gen. Fund: **\$2,786.35**; Food Pantry: \$515.90; Lois Gentsch Memorials: \$25; Fiber Arts: \$101; D. Muller Landscaping: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 10:30AM Joint Use Committee Mtg—CR	3 6:00PM Yoga	4 <i>St. Mark Office Closed</i>	5  3:30PM Patriotic Potluck-PH 6:00PM SHINE — chapel
Randi on Vacation						
6 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Joint Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	7 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor	8	9 12:00PM Ladies' Lunch Bunch	10 6:00PM Yoga	11 <i>St. Mark Office Closed</i>	12
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice Bearer</u>	<u>Tech Minister</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
July 6	Charlie D.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Jan R.	Team 1
July 13	Sherri F.	Aaron F.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Greg M.	Rex R. & Rick C.	Mark B.	Team 2
July 20	Danielle T.	Corbin M.	Keith K.	Mike M.	Melanie R.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 3
July 27	Greg M.	Terry T.	Corbin M.	Danielle T.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & TBD	Melanie R.	Team 4



Terry T.	7/1	Pete W.	7/1	Jan R.	7/1
Corbin M.	7/5	Mary B.	7/6	Abram B.	7/10
Darren K.	7/12	Becky S.	7/14	Mike K.	7/15
Katrina B.	7/18	Ronnie K.	7/19	Angela B.	7/20
Scott R.	7/21	Ryan M.	7/23	Jim M.	7/24
Mary S.	7/24	Douglas M.	7/28	Joshua H.	7/30



Monica & Tom L.	7/15
Cheryl & Dick N.	7/23
Cheryl & Mike W.	7/24
Roger & Ruth C.	7/27