ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

welcomes you!

June 15, 2025



The Holy Trinity

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 most holy and blessed Trinity: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP for TRINITY SUNDAY

Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.

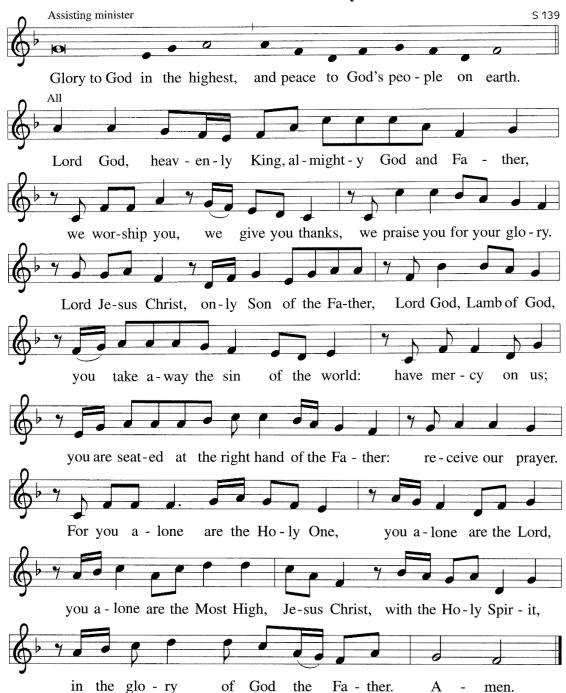
Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ!



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... God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

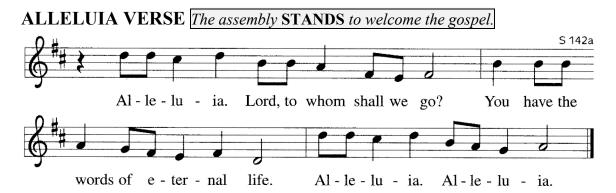
- ¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
- ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
- ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
- ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.
- ²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
- ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
- ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
- ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
- ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
- ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
- ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
- ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
 - and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
- ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

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

[Jesus said:] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please SIT

SERMON

"Parenting the World"

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR FATHER'S DAY

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, Wally Kleist, Ivan Kohlmeier, Bruce Martens, Linda Ness, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinskey, Gary Weshinskey, Sandy Gansmann

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.

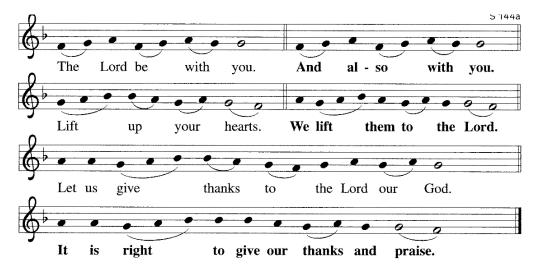
OFFERING Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.

OFFERTORY "Rondeau" H. Purcell

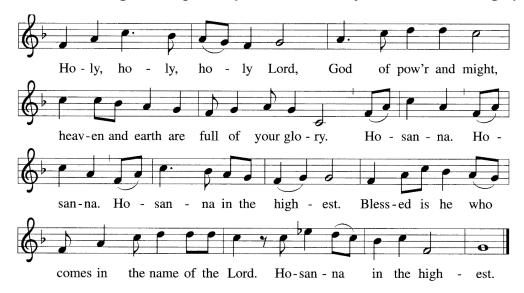
OFFERING PRAYER

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



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.

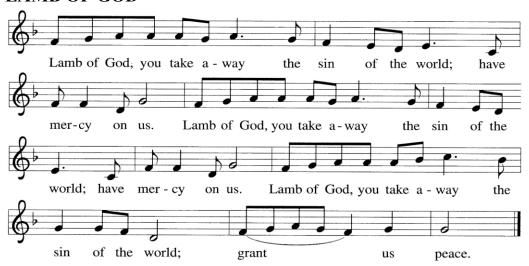
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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:

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW 462



- 1 Now we join in cel e bra tion at our Sav ior's in vi ta tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath er, fill our hearts with ho ly rap ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu-nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil-dren,



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won-der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess-ing rec - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex-is-tence, put-ting off di-vine tran-scen-dence, of your lov-ing deed on Cal-v'ry, of your liv-ing self, our vic-t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth-ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

"Father Most Holy"

ELW 415



- 1 Fa ther most ho ly, mer ci ful, and ten der; Je sus, our 2 Trin i ty bless ed, u ni ty un shak en; good ness un -
- 3 Mak er of all things, all thy crea-tures praise thee; all for thy
- 4 Lord God Al might y, un to thee be glo ry, one in three



with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort, Sav - ior, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels, bound-ed, wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al -SO o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer, per - sons,

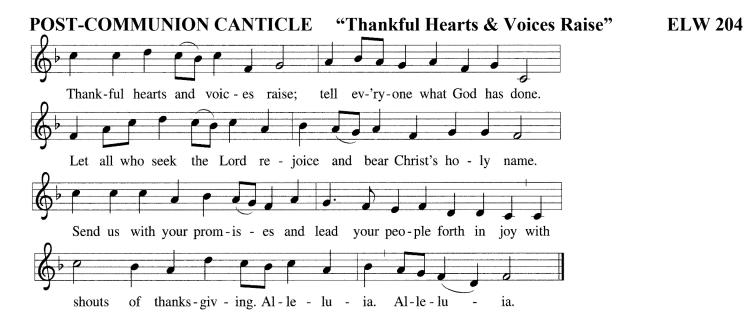


ad - vo-cate, de - fend - er, ing. light nev - er of those for - sak - en, hope of liv ing. wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic es. praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev er.

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.**



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"We Believe in One True God"

D. Barton

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Sherri Foppe **Crucifer:** Keith Kniepkamp **Lector:** Terry Tribout + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami

Tech Minister: Melanie Robison + **Organist**: Evelyn Duncan

Safety Volunteer: Frank Dressel + Ushers: Danielle Tribout & Curt Gansmann

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

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 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, Doug Carpenter, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes,
Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Sandy 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, Darryl Lindsey, 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

Jackie Lynch (6/17) and Karen Eggemeyer (6/20

Members who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries this week

Bruce & Diane Martens (6/16), John & Peggy Andersen (6/19), and Gary & Carol Weshinskey (6/19)

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



NEWS and NOTES for June 15, 2025

Monday, June 16: 6:00PM Pastoral Care committee meeting – Conference Room

Tuesday, June 17: 5:30PM Food Pantry meeting – conference room

Thursday, June 19: Office closed for Juneteenth holiday

Friday, 6/20-Friday, 6/27: Pastor on vacation

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from this Friday, June 20 through the following Friday, June 27. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Synodically Authorized Minister Danielle Tribout at 618-531-2790.

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).

St. Mark Offerings (6/8): Gen. Fund: \$2,866; Dwight Ness Memorials: \$410; Lois Gentsch Memorials: \$73.66;



Our Brother's Keepers Tour - June 25

Members, family and friends are invited to tour **Our Brother's Keepers of Southern IL** at 614 N. 7th Street in East St. Louis on **Wednesday, June 25**. We will meet in the St. Mark parking lot then carpool to the facility for our 60-minute to 90-minute visit. We will tour the facility, meet the staff and potentially meet a few clients.



Those planning to attend are asked to **sign up to ensure enough transportation**

and no one is left behind! Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex (Canterbury Room) and in the Parish Hall.

In the last year we learned so much about the difficult process of former inmates struggle to rejoin communities as productive citizens. Want to know more? Visit their website https://obkministry.org/ and join us on June 25.

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 **Safety in the Home**.

Home safety is all about preventing accidents, injuries, and security threats. Some key areas to focus on:

- **Fire Safety**: Install smoke alarms in every sleeping area and on each floor. Keep fire extinguishers handy, especially in the kitchen. Ensure your family has a designated fire escape route. If you have a second story, you can purchase a residential fire escape ladder. Never smoke in bed or anywhere else you could fall asleep. Smoking is the leading cause of death in the home. Never leave burning candles unattended. Use flameless candles instead. When using a space heater, keep flammable materials 3 feet away. Turn all space heaters off when leaving a room
- **Electrical Safety**: Avoid overloading circuits and unplug unused devices to prevent electrical fires. Do not charge your computer or phones while they are lying on beds or carpets, as it could cause a fire.
- **Fall Prevention**: Keep floors dry, use sturdy step stools, and secure rugs to prevent slipping. Remove throw rugs to prevent trips or falls. Use gates to block stairs so young children cannot access them. Make sure staircases are well-lit, free from clutter, have no loose carpeting, and have handrails, both inside and out.. Request anyone who uses a bicycle or a skateboard to wear an approved helmet.
- **Security Measures**: Lock doors and windows, install security cameras and a home security system, and use motion-sensor lights to deter intruders.
- Poison Prevention: Store cleaning supplies and medications out of reach of children. Get family
 members and pets out of a room before you use pesticides in it. Lock away loose or spare batteries, since
 they pose poisoning and choking risks.
- **Kitchen Safety**: Be cautious with sharp objects and hot surfaces. Close the dishwasher door when not in use to avoid trips and falls. Secure cabinets and drawers from toddlers or young children. Use the back burners of stoves to heat food, to prevent pots from being accidentally knocked off and falling on someone. Stay with the stove when you are cooking. Cooking mishaps are the number one cause of fire in the home. Always make sure the burners are turned off after cooking.
- **Miscellaneous safety Measures**: Use cordless blinds to prevent strangulation if a child were to get caught in the cord. Cut drawstrings on hoodies, waistbands, and other clothing items for your children. Keep plastic bags away from children to prevent suffocation

Looking Ahead...

Consider joining the group of us traveling to **Mercy** (now EverVella) **Rehab & Care Center** in Swansea around 1:00PM and **Freeburg Care Center** around 4:00PM on **Sunday, June 29** to **sing** some patriotic songs and other favorite melodies!

In process is a congregational **pool party** at **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club**, tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, July 29** from **4:00-8:00PM!**

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