

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

August 16,
2026



The 12th
Sunday after
Pentecost

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1ST SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30AM

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THE REV. BRIAN M. ROBISON, PASTOR

THE REV. RONALD C. NEUSTADT, PASTOR EMERITUS

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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

“Adagio”

A. Mozart

WELCOME *Please STAND as you are able*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the one God, whose compassion endures forever: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

You may KNEEL or remain as you are. Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In His name, I declare that your sins are ✠ forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

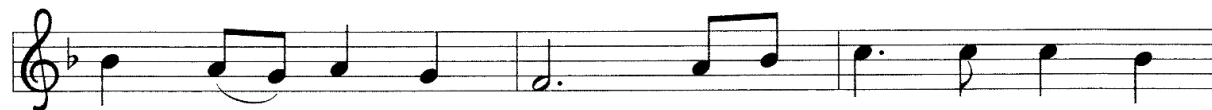
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
 Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,
 that your name may be known throughout the earth,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *Following the prayer, please SIT.*

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,

to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,

and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it

and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain

and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar,

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel:

I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

SECOND READING: Psalm 67

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

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

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



GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 21-28

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Amy Zietlow, *Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership*

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



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



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



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



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

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 “Merciful God,” is “Hear our prayer.”*

Ken Augustine, **Eleanor** Benton, **Natalie & Cody** Best, **Don** Boatman, **Rob** Buck, **Lorraine** Crannage,
Gary Dozier, **Curtis** Dowty, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Art** Engelage, **Michael** Foppe, **Mary** Hill, **Morris** Kugler,
Diane Maes, **Bruce** Martens, **Lucy** Montgomery, **Ron** Neustadt, **Jon** Newton, **Tina** Partelow,
Marilyn Robinson, **Cohen** Summers, **Carol** Weshinsky, **Gary** Weshinsky

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.*

OFFERTORY

“Sacred Gaelic Dawn”

Arr. by Aaron Fuchs
 Aaron Fuchs, Saxophone

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.

OFFERING PRAYER *Please STAND as you are able*

Assistant: Let us pray together...

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us,

now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *spoken*

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, our duty and our joy... 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 *chanted*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:



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Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✘ *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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“One Bread, One Body”

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One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

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1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

*After the distribution is complete, please **STAND** as you are able for the blessing.*

TABLE BLESSING

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

CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW 206



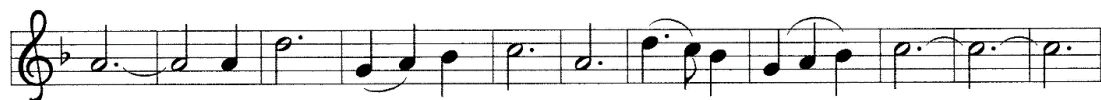
Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



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



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely,
as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit - bless, heal, and hold you, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“In Christ There is No East or West”

ELW 650



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Praise the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Let’s All Give Thanks and Praise”

R. Williamson

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Guest Preacher:** The Rev. Amy Zietlow

Assisting Minister: Greg Martens + **Crucifer:** Keith Kniepkamp + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami

Lector: Kathy Rothgangel + **Tech Minister:** Melanie Robison + **Safety Volunteer:** Jan Richards

Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Ushers:** Danielle Tribout & TBD

Mark Times

News & Notes for August 16, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 17:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday, August 19:	10:30AM	Health & Wellness meeting – <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday, August 20:	6:00PM	Yoga – <i>Parish Hall</i>
Friday, August 21:	5:00PM	Guy's Nite – <i>Courtyard</i>

Welcome Pastor Amy!

This morning we welcome **Pastor Amy Zietlow**, Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership, as our guest preacher. After worship, Pastor Amy will lead a special Mutual Ministry workshop for our Pastoral Care team members at **10:45AM** in the conference room.



Choirs Resume Thursday, September 10

Choirs resume rehearsals **Thursday, September 10**. Voice Choir meets at 4:15PM and Bell Choir meets at 6:00PM. One new bell ringer is needed, please join the fun. If you can carry a tune at all (you don't need to sing solo or even read music), the chancel choir would love to welcome you!

Beacon Trivia Night – Saturday, August 22

Let's get some St. Mark tables and have FUN together at BEACON'S 2026 Trivia Night! Invite family, friends, co-workers, and more to participate on your St. Mark Trivia Team!

Location: **St. Augustine of Canterbury Church** (1910 W. Belle St.)

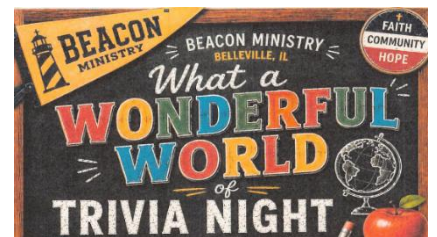
Doors open at 6:15pm **Play starts at 7:00pm**

Admission: \$20 per person at the door if not pre-registered (pre-reg ended 7/30).

Payment can be given to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens to ensure your team is seated together. Please make checks payable to BEACON Ministry. OR **mail** your check to: BEACON Ministry 47 N. Douglas Ave, Belleville, IL 62220. Payment may also be made via **PayPal** at paypal.me/BeaconMinistry

The event features a Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, and more!

Bring your own snack! Beer, wine and soda will be available to purchase.



Bicycle Donations

Have a gently-used bicycle you've thought of discarding? Our Brothers' Keepers would love to have it! Watch for more information on how to donate it coming soon!

St. Mark Offerings for 8/9: General Fund: **\$2,314;**

Prayer Intentions

This week's new intentions are in bold

Members

Ken Augustine, Eleanor Benton, **Natalie & Cody Best**, Don Boatman, Rob Buck, Lorraine Crannage,
Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Art Engelage, Michael Foppe, Mary Hill, Morris Kugler, Diane Maes,
Bruce Martens, Lucy Montgomery, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Cohen Summers,
Carol and Gary Weshinsky

Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Bert Alvarez, Stellamarie Bearth, John Belz, Jim Boeving, Thomas Boxdorfer, Patty Brennecke,
Patrick Campbell, Susan Carson, Christine, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Maryann Fernandez,
Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert,
Glenna Hamilton, Roslind Holden, Jamie House, Jimmy Jurgens, Rachel Knicely, Austin Lickenbrock, Dusty Little,
Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Bobby McCall, Don McCoy,
Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Linda Munn, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Hilda Parnell,
Tim & Missy Partelow, Lana Perry, Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Jill Schlueter,
Stefanie Schroeder, Larry Powers, Denise Sebastian, James Showmaker, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep,
Tom Stookey, Ingrid Thompson, Gary Timm, Pat Tubbs, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson,
Margie Wilson, Molly Witherell, Karen Woolf, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Joshua Anthony, Ethan Collins, Tom Fox, Taiylar Foppe Merrel, Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie, Amy Morgan

Members celebrating birthdays this week

Carolyn Simard (8/16), Jordan Renner-Brown (8/16), Charlie Duncan (8/17), Ivan Kohlmeier (8/17),
Madeline Simard (8/22), and Kathy Evans (8/22)

Members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Dave & Marsha Brauer (8/16) and Alice & Mike Murakami (8/20)

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