

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

July 19,
2026



The 8th
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 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.

PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

arr. D. Wagner

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

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

ELW 694



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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...

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *Following the prayer, please SIT.*

WORD

FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

- ¹³ For neither is there any god besides you whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly,
¹⁶ For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
¹⁷ For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
¹⁸ Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge fairly,
and with great forbearance you govern us,
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
¹⁹ Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

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

PSALM: Psalm 86:11-16 *spoken in unison*

- ¹¹ **Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk [|] in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**
¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with [|] all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**
¹³ **For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the [|] pit of death.**
¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people [|] seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**
¹⁵ **But you, O Lord, are gracious and full [|] of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.**
¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child [|] of your handmaid.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

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



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia once*

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

SERMON

“Wheat and Weeds”

The Rev. Brian M. Robison

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Ye Thankful People Come”

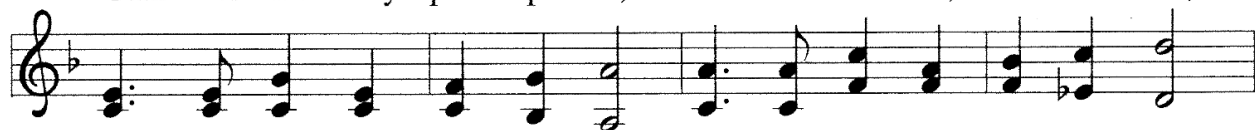
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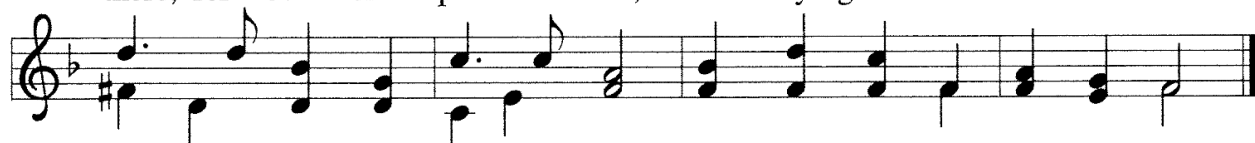
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

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 "God of grace," is "Hear our prayer."*

Ken Augustine, **Eleanor** Benton, **Rob** Buck, **Gary** Dozier, **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** Weshinskey, **Gary** Weshinskey

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

"Voluntary on 'Charlestown'" Southern Harmon arr. D. Janzern

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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy



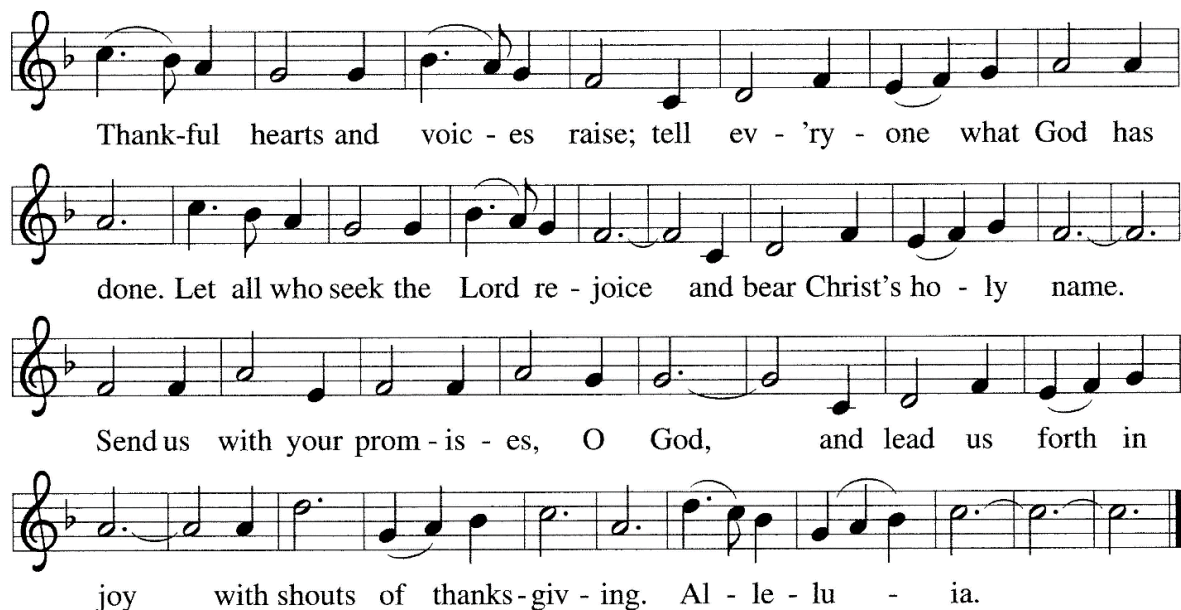
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

*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

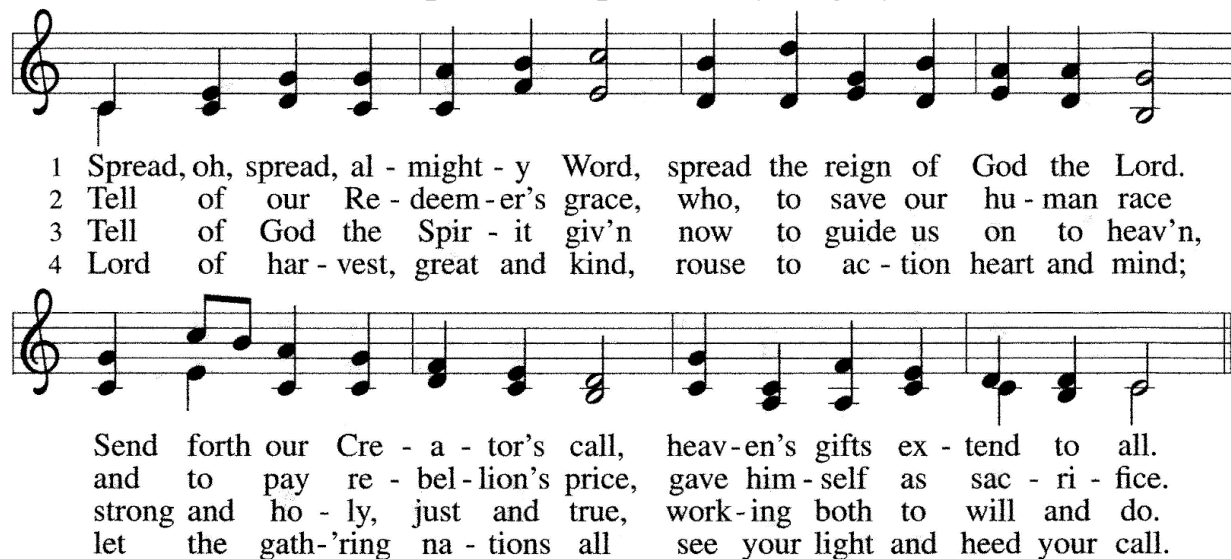
BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

“Spread, O Spread, Thy Mighty Word”

ELW 663



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;
Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work-ing both to will and do.
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

POSTLUDE

“Bassett de Cromorre”

Clerambault

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Greg Martens
Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami + **Lector:** Missy Kimbrell
Tech Minister: Aaron Fuchs + **Safety Volunteer:** Melanie Robison
Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Ushers:** Danielle Tribout & TBD

Prayer Intentions

Members

Ken Augustine, Eleanor Benton, Mary Boxdorfer, Rob Buck, 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 Weshinskey

Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Bert Alvarez, Stellamarie Bearth, John Belz, Jim Boeving, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Patrick Campbell, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Glenna Hamilton, Andrea Hendrix, 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, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Tom Stookey, Ingrid Thompson, Gary Timm, 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

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

Members celebrating birthdays this week

Ron Kenly (7/19), Angela Bjornstad (7/20), Scott Richards (7/21), Ryan Mckenzie (7/23), Jim Montgomery (7/24), and Mary Skifton (7/24)

Members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Charyl & Dick Newsome (7/23) and Cheryl & Mike Whitaker (7/27)

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

Mark Times

News & Notes for July 19, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 20:

Pastor on Vacation July 20 to July 23

2:30PM Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor

Wednesday, July 23:

Traveling VBS (11:30A & 12:00P) – *see below*

Thursday, July 24:

6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall

TRAVELING VBS with Super Heroes Deborah and Daniel

The Evangelism/Social Ministry and Christian Education committees are teaming up again this year in a new way to share God's Love during this year's Summer Sack Lunch program! A **20-minute traveling VBS program** will take place at four different locations already established as Summer Sack Lunch distribution stops. Each program will include a bible story or skit, a craft or game and possibly music.



To make this program fun for everyone, **volunteers are needed!** 2026 is the second year for this new concept, so the number of participants is hard to determine therefore **we would like four volunteers to assist at each location.** Hough Park has one of the highest numbers of children receiving lunches (30) and serves our neighborhood Franklin school students! The Henry Raab school stop also has a high number of children receiving lunches (30). *Additional volunteers on those dates would be helpful!*

A volunteer sign-up is in the Parish Hall along with the Driver/Co-Pilot & Lunch Packers sign-up sheets.

DANIEL in the Lions' Den led by Jan Richards:

THURS Jul 23 11:00am to 11:20am Jefferson School Parking Lot

THURS Jul 23 11:45am to 12:05pm Hough Park Pavillion

THURS Jul 30 11:30am to 11:50am Swansea Trailer Park on Anna Street

THURS Jul 30 12:00pm to 12:20pm Henry Raab School Parking Lot

GUYS NITE 2026 - Aug 21 - SAVE THE DATE!

An evening where guys from St. Mark and St. George's meet for brats, beer, games, and fellowship – it *must* be the fourth-annual **Guys Nite!** We will again have both outdoor and indoor options! More details to be announced later, but mark your calendars now for **Friday, August 21** in the early evening, and start thinking of a neighbor or friend to bring along!



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation from tomorrow, Monday, July 20 through Thursday, July 23. In case of pastoral emergency, please notify Father Mark Ohlemeier of St. George's at **785-220-5528**

St. Mark Offerings for 7/12: General Fund: \$8,321

Synod Day on August 29 – Register Now!



All members are encouraged to attend a day of worship, learning, fellowship, and relationship-building for all generations in each of the six conferences of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. This is a follow-up to the Synod Assembly, but you do not have to have attended the assembly to be part of this event.

The date for our **West-Central Conference's** Synod Day is **Saturday, August 29** from **10:00AM to 3:00PM** at **Our Lord's Lutheran Church** in **Maryville**.

Each Synod Day's program includes: Cross-generational worship; Activities for children and families; Shared meal; State of the synod video; Q&A with synod staff; Four "Spirit Lab" workshop options (choose two) led by the synod staff; & "Mission moments" from each conference.

The cost is **\$10 per adult** (18 and over), \$5 for youth (3-17), and free for children under 3, capped at a total of \$25 per family. Registration is open now at **CSIS-ELCA.org/synoddays26** or by using the QR code. ***Registration closes August 10**



School Supply Collection for Franklin School Students & Staff



Our annual collection of school supplies to support Franklin Elementary **begins this week and continues through August 9**. A box and can are in the narthex.

Items needed: **plastic 3-prong folders - all colors; 24-count crayons; standard 10-count markers; earphones/ear buds** for computer use; **dry erase markers – all colors; highlighters - all colors; facial tissues; baby wipes; 1-gallon slider-style zip-lock bags; small glue sticks; sharpies; watercolor paint sets** (palette of 8 with brush); **3-ring binders 1" to 2"**.

Those who prefer not to shop may give monetary donations to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens or electronically via <http://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-16FTT>

NOT needed: backpacks, spiral notebooks; loose-leaf paper; rulers; Elmer's glue; ballpoint pens; pencils.

Pool Party and Picnic on 8/1!

You're invited to our second St. Mark pool party and picnic, hosted by **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club** (1513 S. Illinois Street) on **Saturday, August 1** from **12 noon-5:00PM!**

Food and drinks will be **available to purchase on-site** (no outside food and drink allowed).

The **pool** will be open and ready to help us tackle the early August heat. **Pickleball** courts will be available as well. **If you plan on swimming, admission is \$10;** if you're not swimming, **admission is FREE!** *This event will again take the place of our annual August/September church picnic, so **bring your table games** and reignite those rivalries! ***A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.***

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program through August 7

Donations: Individually-packaged chips, pretzels, nut-free cookies, and juice pouches. Drop off at church or contact **Sherri Foppe** for other arrangements.

+ Monetary gifts welcome: Give to Sherri, Ann Martens, or online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7>

+ Volunteers Needed for Packing on **Wednesdays, 5–5:45PM** @Westview Baptist, and **Delivery** on **Thursdays, 10:35AM–1:00PM**

+ Sign-up in Parish Hall, or contact Sherri (618)791-6148 | cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann (618)235-7762 | ga72mart@charter.net