

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

June 21,
2026



The Fourth
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

“Meditation”

B. Portman

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.

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

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...

Teach us, good Lord God,
to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that
we do your will,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *Following the prayer, please SIT.*

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;

I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:

"Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him."

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 69:7-10, 13-14, 16-18 *spoken in unison*

**⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.**

**⁸ I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

**⁹ Zeal for your house has consumed me;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.**

**¹⁰ I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach.**

**¹³ ...this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.**

**¹⁴ Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me, and from out of | the deep waters.**

**¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

**¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**

**¹⁸ Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies, deliver me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

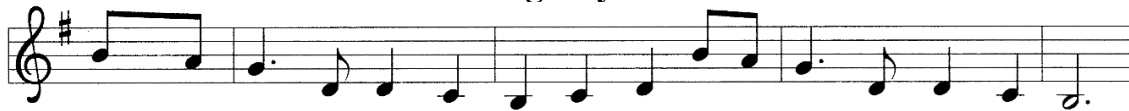
Praise to you, O Christ. *Please SIT*

SERMON

The Rev. Wayland Middendorf, guest preacher

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

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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

RITE 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."*

Ken Augustine, **Eleanor** Benton, **Rob** Buck, **Gary** Dozier, **Evelyn** Duncan, **Art** Engelage, **Michael** Foppe, **Mary** Hill, **Morris** Kugler, **Diane** Maes, **Bruce** Martens, **Diane** Martens, **Lucy** Montgomery, **Ron** Neustadt, **Tina** Partelow, **Marilyn** Robinson, **Wilma** Shroat, **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

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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

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

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW 810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

“If You But Trust in God”

ELW 769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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.**

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



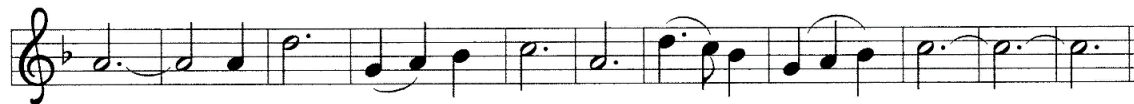
Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“How Firm A Foundation”

T. Amish

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Guest Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Wayland Middendorf + **Assisting Minister:** Danielle Tribut
Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp + **Chalice Bearer:** Mike Murakami + **Lector:** Terry Tribut
Tech Minister: Greg Martens + **Safety Volunteer:** Frank Dressel
Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Ushers:** Rex Rothgangel & Nancy Guenther

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, Diane Martens, Lucy Montgomery, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Wilma Shroat, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

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, 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, Denise Sebastian, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Tom Stookey, Ingrid Thompson, 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

Susan Boatman (6/21), Mary Hill (6/23), Alice Murakami (6/24), Bonnie Schaefer (6/25), Cynthia Southers (6/25), and Tony Southers (6/27)

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 T I M E S

News & Notes for June 21, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

- Monday, June 22:** 7:00PM Church Council meeting – CR
Tuesday, June 23: 6:00PM Safety Committee meeting - CR
Thursday, June 25: 6:00PM Yoga – Parish Hall
Saturday, June 27: 4-6:00PM “Patriotic Potluck” – Parish Hall

Pastor Out of Town

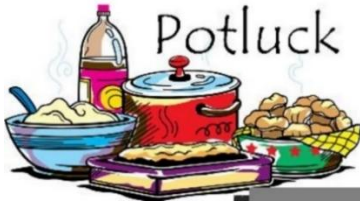


Pastor Brian is out of town **through Monday, June 22** to celebrate Father’s Day weekend with his dad in Idaho. This morning we welcome back **Pastor Wayland Middendorf** as our guest preacher and president.

In case of pastoral emergency, please contact **Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George’s at **785-220-5528**.



“Patriotic Potluck” on June 27



Please join us for some great food and fun fellowship **THIS Saturday, June 27 from 4:00 to 6:00pm** in the **Parish Hall**. Fried Chicken, condiments and paper products provided!

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

Care Facility Sing-Alongs

Consider joining us on **Sunday, July 5** to **sing** some **patriotic songs and other favorite melodies** at **EverVella** (formerly Mercy/Rosewood) **Rehab & Care Center** in Swansea (meet there at **1:45PM**) and **another location to be determined**.

Free Summer Meals

Healthy and nutritious **free summer meals** are available for all **children ages 18 and under** for **breakfast (7:30AM-8:30AM)** and **lunch (10:30AM-1:00PM)**, **Monday through Thursday from June 1 through July 2** at the **Belleville East Cafeteria** (255 West Blvd, Belleville, IL). Be sure to pass the word along to any families who might benefit!

Summer Office Hours

Through the end of August, Randi's administrative assistant hours are Monday-Thursday from 12:00PM-4:00PM. *Henry will be in the office on Fridays (9a-3p) should anyone need to access the office proper.

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program

We're excited to continue our partnership with Westview Baptist to provide **free lunches for low-income kids!**

Donations: Individually packaged Cheez-Its, chips, pretzels, nut-free cookies (homemade cookies are welcome!), 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: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7>

+ **Volunteers Needed for...**

Packing: Wednesdays, 5–5:45 PM @ Westview Baptist

Delivery: Thursdays, 10:35 AM–1 PM

Dates: June 1–Aug 7 (weekly)

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

Reflection on Today's Readings

Most high, all-powerful, good Lord,
yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing.

To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no one is worthy to mention your name.

Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with colorful flowers and herbs.

Praised be you, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace,
for by you, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be you, my Lord, through our sister bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape.

Blessed are those whom death will find in your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord,
and give him thanks and serve him with great humility.

—*Francis of Assisi*

[Francis of Assisi, *Francis and Clare: The Complete Works*, ed. Regis J. Armstrong OFM CAP and Ignatius C. Brady OFM (NY: Paulist, 1982), 38-39.]



St. Mark Offerings for 6/21: General Fund: **\$3,494.50**; Coffee Fund: \$30; Food Pantry: \$252.50