

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 26, 2022**

**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**



This summer's Eucharist has been adapted from various resources, including: Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, Cambridge, MA, the Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester, MA, the Supplemental Eucharistic Prayers for the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada, 1998, Enriching Our Worship, 1998, The 'Prayer of Thanksgiving' from Christian Worship Resources for a Children's Sabbath. This Service includes information in red for instructions on the actions and words of the Eucharist. It is our hope that the Service will be spiritually meaningful and uplifting for all ages at St. Mark's

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
134 N. Division Ave.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503  
[www.stmarksgr.org](http://www.stmarksgr.org)**

## Welcome to St. Mark's

Welcome to historic St. Mark's, a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest sign-in sheet in the foyer and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card. Also, please take a welcome folder on the Welcome Desk.



**Health Safety:** Everyone entering the St. Mark's Parish House is strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Guests and visitors are asked to sign the register. Everyone is asked to use sanitizer upon entering the Parish House. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Many thanks.

**Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's:** Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. The bulletin is identical for both Sunday Services with musical elements not included in the 8:00 a.m. Service.

**The Breakfast Café,** a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact Judy Freeman at [judyfw@comcast.net](mailto:judyfw@comcast.net).

**Children at St. Mark's:** St. Mark's provides many children's activities and opportunities and welcomes you to contact our Director of Children's Ministry, Evan Knill, at [eknill107@gmail.com](mailto:eknill107@gmail.com) for more information.

**Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth:** G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have weekly formation gatherings during the school year and service and social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: [jeffatgrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffatgrey@gmail.com).

**Adults:** We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the program year, an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith and seasonal Sunday forums at 8:30 a.m. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details. We also offer a Monday book study for adults. For the book group, please contact Carmela McIntire at [carmela0067@att.net](mailto:carmela0067@att.net)

**A Note about Cell Phones:** We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

**Rest Rooms** are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp.

**Parking on Sundays:** Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or on the little table where the bulletins are in the north transept. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

### St. Mark's Full- and Part-time Staff

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Rector  
The Rev. Susan York, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon  
Megan Harding, Parish Administrative Associate  
Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager  
Dr. Gregory Crowell, Director of Music  
Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar  
Evan Knill, Director of Children's Ministry  
Jeff Brown, Director of Youth Ministry  
Kate Pyles, Director of Communications Ministry  
Ronnie Bowen, Sexton  
Wendell Chivis, Sexton Associate  
Doris Molina, Weekend Sexton

# The Gathering of God's People

*Our prayer begins with the offering of music, an offering to help us prepare for the words and actions to follow in the Service.*

**The Prelude – Allegretto**

*J.C. Rinck*

*Lector I* **The Welcome**

**The Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal 525: The church's one foundation**

*Aurelia*

**Prayer of Invocation**

*Presider I:* † Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All:** **And blessed be God's reign now and forever.**

*The following prayer is called the Prayer of Humble Access in which we ask God to open our minds and hearts as we prepare to receive God's Word and God's Eucharist.*

*Presider I:* Let us pray.

**All:** **O God, stay with us, your beloved children, and remain with us in our prayer; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts and awaken new hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture, the Holy Eucharist, and in the faces of one another. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

*To best prepare for what is to come in our worship, we openly ask God for forgiveness and seek reconciliation and peace.*

*Presider II:* Let us confess our faults and admit our frailty. *(Pause for reflection)*

**All:** **Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. We lay down what is past and look to the future. We take into daily life signs of hope and healing. We reach beyond ourselves, to share the lives of others and touch the wider world.**

*Presider II:* † May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

**All:** **Amen.**

*Presider I:* Let us offer praise to God.

**Gloria** *(Spoken at 8 a.m. and Sung at 10:30 a.m.)*

*Frank E. White*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, He is the might - y King, mas-ter of  
ev'r - y thing. The cap-tain of my soul, the u - ni - verse con-trol, God is the one  
true ex-pres-sion of life. He's the cre - a - tor, a great cre - a - tor,  
Hea - ven and earth His great-ness pro - claim. The cap-tain of my  
soul, the u - ni - verse con-trol, ho - nor and ma - jes - ty se-cond to none.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider II:* God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Presider II:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

*At this point, we are seated to listen and hear the Word of God from the Sacred Scriptures, the Bible.*

### The Hebrew Scripture

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

*Lector I:* A Reading from the First Book of Kings

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

*Lector I:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 16

*Lector I:* Let us pray a portion of the Psalm responsively by half verse.

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*

**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*

**upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods \*

**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*

**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*

**it is you who uphold my lot.**

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*

**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**

8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

### **The Christian Scripture**

Galatians 5:1,13-25

*Lector II:* A Reading from the Letter to the Galatians

For freedom, Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Lector II:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn — Green Hymnal 757: Will you come and follow me**

*Mary Alexandra*

**The Gospel** (*Standing as able*)

Luke 9:51-62

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of Christ.

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Homily**

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato

*Silence is observed after the proclamation and preaching of the Word.*

## **The Nicene Creed** *(Please note the language for the Spirit.)*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made a man. 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. With the Father and the Son, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit 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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*The following prayers are offered to God on behalf of all people, those children of all ages gathered here in-person or praying with us online, and those around the world.*

*Lector I:* O God, we ask you to hear the prayers of your people gathered before you, your children of all ages, and hear our prayer with the response, "O God, hear us."

*Lector II:* O God, help us to be at peace within ourselves. We pray:  
*All:* **O God, hear us.**

*Lector I:* O God, help us to accept that we are profoundly loved and need never be afraid. We pray:  
*All:* **O God, hear us.**

*Lector II:* O God, help us to be aware that you are the source of being common to us all and to creation. We pray:  
*All:* **O God, hear us.**

*Lector I:* O God, fill us with the presence of your great compassion for us, for all those in need, and those for whom we have promised to pray and those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin. We pray:  
*All:* **O God, hear us.**

*Lector II:* O God, help us so to live that all your people may have clean air, food, water, and shelter, especially remembering refugees throughout the world. Give us grace to do all we can to protect and preserve your magnificent creation. We pray:

**All: O God, hear us.**

*Lector I:* O God, may we cease to be a cause of suffering for others. Help us to end violence, hatred, anger, racism and war. We pray:

**All: O God, hear us.**

*Lector II:* For the President, Congress, our Governor, our Mayor and for all in authority, that they may be people of justice, integrity and truth. We pray:

**All: O God, hear us.**

*Lector I:* For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week.

**All: O God, hear us.**

*Lector II:* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and all those who mourn their passing. We especially remember Larry Manglitz, and Shirley Bernard, whose lives were celebrated this last week. May all who have died rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(Silence is observed while additional names are offered.)* We pray:

**All: O God, hear us.**

*Lector I:* Let us offer additional prayers, either silently or aloud. *(Silence is observed while additional prayers are offered.)* We pray:

**All: O God, hear us.**

*Presider II:* O God, hear our prayers, and kindle within our hearts a flame of love for our neighbors, our foes, our friends, and all our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

**All: O God of the poor and the yearning, from the humblest thing that lives to the name that is highest of all, kindle within our hearts a flame of love. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider I:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us offer one another a sign of that peace.

## **Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

*While special music is offered, our monetary gifts are received for the benefit of the mission of St. Mark's. The Table is prepared, and the collected gifts are presented to be blessed by God. 'The Liturgy of the Table' asks God to receive our gifts of bread and wine and ourselves as we are blessed by God.*

**Offertory Music:** Allemande

*Johann Mattheson*

Gregory Crowell, harpsichord

**Doxology** *(Spoken at 8 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, O heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Table

### The Invitation

*Bread and wine have been received and we now call upon God, the Father, through the Son, to consecrate them through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Presider I:*

Sisters and brothers, the table of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus and all who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate.

Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer for Children's Sabbath*

*Presider:* God be with you

**All:** And also with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to God.

**All:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, amazing God, who made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry; you watch over the strangers, uphold children, parents and people of all ages.

We give you thanks, O God, especially for children, for the blessing they are and the blessing we may be to them, as we seek to heed your prophets and do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

And so, we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we pray:

### Sanctus

*Richard Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise you, O God, for sending your beloved son, Jesus, born and, nurtured by his family, and protected by strangers, who grew as a child, who was taught in the temple surrounded by his community, who was guided by his parents, who became an adult, who loved and blessed the children, who cared for those who were sick, poor, and left out, who taught that God loves us like a parent, and who called us his friends. Jesus, who was born among us, died our Savior whom we all need, triumphant even over death, freeing us to live as your beloved children.

*Presider:* For your gift of Christ, we praise you,

**All:** We worship and adore you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. As you do this, remember me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

*Presider:* For new life in Christ, we praise you,

**All: We worship and adore you.**

Around your table as your children of all ages O God, we remember Jesus Christ, who came in love, lived in love, and died in love, who was and is and is to come. We offer to you these gifts of bread and wine, and we offer to you †ourselves, our lives and all we are.

†Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, that †they strengthen us to welcome all your children, to show your love, to work for your justice and to bring your peace.

*Presider:* For the peace of Christ, we praise you,

**All: We worship and adore you.**

*The now consecrated elements of bread and wine are held high as a final offering to God for blessing followed by the Great Amen, an important affirmation on the part of all gathered for Eucharist.*

*Presider:* Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**All: Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*As an expression of the inclusivity of the Eucharist and the importance of The Lord’s Prayer, we have included three options for praying this beautiful and meaningful prayer. Other languages are also welcome.*

*Presider I:* Please pray the Lord’s Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

(Traditional) **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

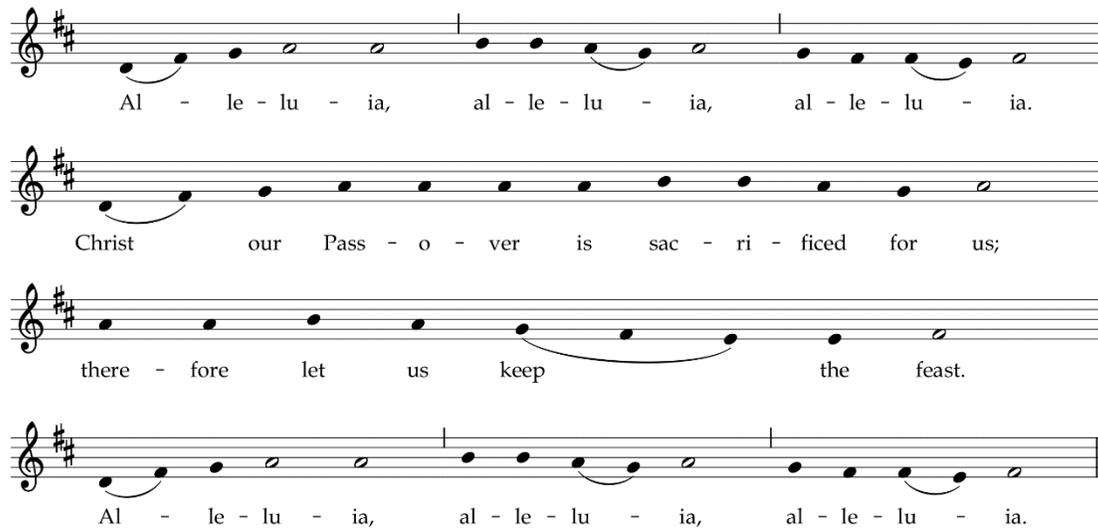
(Contemporary) **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

(Spanish) **Padre nuestro, que estas en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo, danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día, perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, no nos deyes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.**

*As the following words are offered, the Presider breaks the consecrated bread and holds it up so that all may see and respond. Hosts are prepared with wine added in advance of the Service. Each host contains both Consecrated bread and wine.*

**The Breaking of the Bread and the Reception of the Sacrament**  
(Spoken at 8 a.m. and Sung or Spoken at 10:30 a.m.)

David Hurd



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Presider:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All:** Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

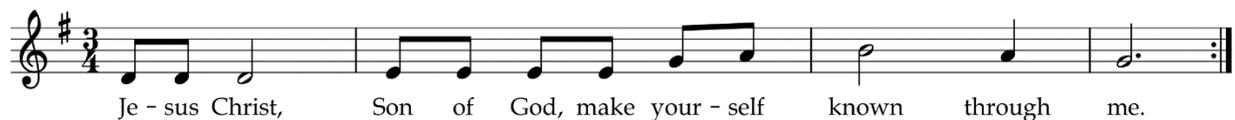
*Presider:* As is our tradition, all are invited to the Holy Eucharist at the Table of the Lord. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest, and you will receive a blessing. Please, follow the guide of the Ushers to receive Communion. All are welcome at this Table of the Lord.

**The Distribution of the Sacrament**

*Eucharistic Minister:* "The body and blood of Christ."

**All:** "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."

**Post-communion chant** (Sung multiple times)



Je - sus Christ, Son of God, make your - self known through me.

**Post-communion prayer**

*Presider II:* Let us pray:

**All:** Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Blessing**

*Presider I:* May God shield us, East, West, North, South and wherever we go.

**All:** The God of life, love and grace.

*Presider:* And the blessing of God, †Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon us, now and for evermore, we pray:

**All:** Amen.

## The Sending Forth

*Deacon or Priest:* Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us go forth to love and serve God and all God's people.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## The Hymn of Sending Forth — Red Hymnal 136: I have decided to follow Jesus

*Indian Folk Melody*

## The Postlude — Toccata in D Major

*Georg Muffat*

*Following both Services, all are invited to the Parish Hall to share fellowship and light fare.*

*You are invited to participate in the tradition at St. Mark's to remain seated until all the candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended, fitting ways to conclude our worship together. A reminder that when the Rector preaches, his homily is available on the Resource Table in the north transept. Please, feel free to take a copy for further reflection. All homilies are video-taped and can be found at [www.stmarksgr.org](http://www.stmarksgr.org) at the Media tab and on YouTube at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.*

### Offertory and Ways to Give to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

- 1.) Place check or cash in the offering plate
- 2.) Electronic Giving (email Pam for form – see the attachment in our e-news)
- 3.) Give+ Mobile App from any mobile device
- 4.) Pay by text - text 616-205-9714 from your phone and send a payment
- 5.) Mobil App Square cash - Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgr)
- 6.) Mail a check to the church
- 7.) Online at our website at [www.stmarksgr.org](http://www.stmarksgr.org) through PayPal



Needed per week for all operations:	\$ 12,698
Received last week in pledges & collections:	\$ 8,315
Difference:	\$ 4,383 (Shortfall)

Needed Yr to Date for Operations:	\$317,450
Received Yr to Date Pledges & Collections:	\$283,994
Difference:	\$ 33,456 (Shortfall)

## Announcements

**eNews:** Please visit our website at [www.stmarksgr.org](http://www.stmarksgr.org) and click on the scroll that says "Newsletter" for our weekly announcements, opportunities and news. This is the same as our electronic newsletter (eNews) to which you may subscribe to receive in your email each week by filling out one of our Welcome Cards and placing it on Megan's desk.

**Annual Diaper Drive, Month of June:** This is the 11th year for our drive and we will partner with the Great Start Parent Coalition, Secom and Other Way to help families and their babies in need. One in every four babies born in Kent County is born into poverty and diaper costs are not covered by safety net programs. This effort stocks the pantries so that families may receive more than 12 diapers a month. We will collect diapers through the month of June. Please add diapers to your shopping list and help us with a successful Diaper Drive.

**Parish Directory, Updates:** Thanks to all who checked their contact information in our directory last week. If you have yet to edit, check or add your information to our church directory, please stop by the Welcome Desk to correct or add your information there. You may also contact Pam Stevenson at [pams@stmarksgr.org](mailto:pams@stmarksgr.org) to provide updates. Many Thanks.

**Thank you to Pride Festival Volunteers:** On behalf of the parish, I'd like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with St. Mark's booth at the Pride Festival last Saturday: Jan Gockerman, Wendy Wenner, Hannah Notess, Nancy Dodge, Jessica Hunter, Rikki Manguse, Bobbie Harrison & granddaughter, Christina Dekoekkoek, Eric Gable, Rachel & Paige Ravellette, Laura Kozminski, Dana & Chuck Hoyt. Also to Pam Stevenson, Megan Harding, Ronnie Bowen, Jeff Brown and Fr. Christian for all the support. Having a presence at the festival was greatly appreciated. ~Scot Gugle

**Lector/Intercessor Training has been cancelled:** Please stay tuned to when this will be rescheduled in the fall.

**Together West Michigan June 30: Walk in Hope!** On Thursday, June 30, at 6PM St. Mark's members will gather at St. Mark's and walk to Westminster Presbyterian Church where we will meet up with hundreds of our brothers and sisters across the community. We will be joined by local, state and federal elected officials and our own Bishop will give the opening blessing. We will hear some of the powerful stories we heard in the house meetings and invite people to join one of the teams that will be turning their issues into actions. If you are unable to walk Rob Marmion has offered to drive you from St. Mark's or park in a lot near Westminster. If you would like to learn more about what we have done and what will be happening next contact Deacon Jan or talk to any of us at our display in the parish hall after the 10:30 service.

**Eucharist For All Ages July 17 and August 21:** The next Eucharist for all ages Services are on July 17th and August 21st at 10:30 a.m. This is a chance to worship together as an all-ages church family. Parents, if your child (or family unit) would like to participate, please contact Laura Kozminski. We need children and youth to serve in all aspects of these services.

**Summer Sunday School:** This summer, we will continue to provide nursery care for children under 3 in the downstairs classroom. Sunday School during the 10:30 services for school-aged children will take place outdoors in the St. Mary's garden. We'll run, play, sing and worship together! Join us!

**Tickets for *The Music Man* at Circle Theater July 24:** Parish Life/Hospitality Ministry is sponsoring a group rate to see the *Music Man* at the Circle Theater on Sunday, July 24 for the 3 p.m. matinee. Please sign up and see more information on the Welcome Desk.

**Save the Dates:** Mid-week Eucharist and Senior Lunch July 13, noon; Children's and Youth Diocesan Day Camp, Aug 3&4; Celebration Sunday and Annual Picnic Sept. 18, Ministry Fair Sept. 25 and Anniversary Dinner, Oct. 2

## The St. Mark's Prayer List

### The Sick

The Bedford Family  
Steven Baxter  
Wendell Chivis  
Phil Gleason  
Terry Harrison  
Jennifer Julius  
Father John Kirkman  
George Linde  
Jean McCormick  
Steve McNear  
Jeff Merchant  
Harry Mika  
Elizabeth Miller  
John Oatley  
Linda Peeler  
Pat Roy  
The Rev. Robert Schiesler and Mary Novello  
Susan Schoff  
John Slagter  
Frankie Sylvester  
David Varner  
The Rev. William Whiting

### Those in Military Service

Col. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA  
HC. Yamar Chivis USN  
Henry Dykema, USNG  
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF  
Col. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC  
Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF  
1st Sgt. Deidre Piechocki, USA

### Homebound Parishioners

Sue Allen  
Gertrude DeAguire  
Nita and Chuck DeGraaf  
John Gracki  
Irene Haizman  
Mary Rollins  
Irene Savara  
Shari Takus  
Shirley VanDerBos  
Roma Warmington  
John Wells  
Jean Zylstra

### Officers of the Vestry

Nancy Dodge, Senior Warden  
Dawn Buller, Junior Warden  
Brian Topolewski, Clerk  
Marc Vander Velde, Treasurer

### Members of the Vestry

Kate Dykema  
Judy Freeman  
Joshua Gonzales  
Chuck Hoyt  
Gloria Lara  
Jon Anderson  
Amy Richards-Duncan  
Mikew Armour