

# The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**134 N. Division Ave**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49503**  
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## Welcome to 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, 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.

**Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday— 9 a.m. to noon.**

**Weather Policy:** St. Mark's will post closures to WZZM 13, WOOD TV8, Facebook and our website by 7:00 a.m. or as soon as possible. The decision on afternoon and evening activities will be made separately, posted by noon.

**Reserved Accessible Spaces:** Note, there are three designated spaces for those with assistive devices or in need of extra space, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please, leave those spaces available and the adjoining pews for family members.

**Safety:** The outer doors to the Parish House will be locked fifteen minutes after Services begin with a security guard on duty to be of assistance. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize. Please, pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. An announcement will be made in case of an emergency. Children will be ushered out of the building to a designated place for safety away from the Church complex.

**Parking on Sundays:** Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. If you are able, please, consider not parking in the Parish Lot to reserve access for those less mobile. Please, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the Kendall Lot across the street when the gate is up, the upper 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: vouchers for free parking on Sundays are available from an Usher, a Greeter or on the Resource Table in the north transept (must be used along with original parking ticket).

**Rest Rooms** are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp. Additional rest rooms are located on the second level of the Parish House; those able to use stairs are encouraged to use upper-floor restrooms.

**Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's:** Eucharist on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays at noon from September through May. Compline (Night Prayer) on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. All are always welcome!

**Children's Ministry:** Sundays, we offer children's formation during 10:30 services. This includes formation, nursery care and church school. Please contact the church office.

**Youth Ministry: 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 regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: [jeffatgrey@gmail.com](mailto:jeffatgrey@gmail.com).

**Adult Formation Ministry:** *Adult Forums* are offered on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings at different times of the year. *Episcopal 101: An Inquirer's Journey* is offered yearly for adults especially those seeking Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church or to Reaffirm one's faith. A multi-year seminar, *Education for Ministry* (EFM), is offered during the program year. Please, contact Doug Karsen for more information at [karsencd@gmail.com](mailto:karsencd@gmail.com).

**Breakfast Café Ministry:** A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information and to possibly volunteer, please contact Judy Freeman at [judyfw@comcast.net](mailto:judyfw@comcast.net).

**Land Acknowledgment:** St. Mark's recognizes that our property sits on land of the indigenous people of the Three Fires. It is our privilege to occupy this land while recognizing and acknowledging with sadness the deep wounds created many years ago by our forebears.

St. Mark's eNews: For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, see the weekly eNews in your email or our website.

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

### St. Mark's Full-Time\* and Part-Time Staff

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector\*  
The Rev. Susan York, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon  
Thon Deng, Postulant for Holy Orders

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Marquice Jackson, Weekend Sexton  
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# The Gathering of the People

Prelude – Canzona

Johann Krieger

Welcome

Gathering Hymn – Blue Hymnal 372: Praise to the Living God

Leoni

Prayer of Invocation

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

*All:* **And blessed be God's reign now and forever. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

*Presider II:* Let us confess our faults and admit our frailty. *(A pause is observed 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

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

*Presider II:* God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

**The Hebrew Reading** (*You may sit.*)

*2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19*

*Lector I:* A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 24

*Domini est terra*

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

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
**the world and all who dwell therein.**

For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
**and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
**and who can stand in his holy place?"**

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
**who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
**and a just reward from the God of their salvation."**

Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
**of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
**and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
**"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
**and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
**"The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."**

## **The Christian Reading**

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

*Lector II:* A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

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

**The Gospel Hymn – Red Hymnal 111: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Nettleton*

## The Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily** (*You may sit.*)

Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector

## The Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made 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 he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 *(You may stand.)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Lector II:* 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, especially remembering those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin. We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries. We pray:

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

*Lector I:* O God, bless all bishops, priests, and deacons: Michael, Presiding Bishop; Sean, Presiding Bishop-Elect; Skip, our Assisting Bishop; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Craig, ELCA Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. We pray:

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

*Lector II:* O God, bless St. John's of Sand Point and its Senior Warden, Doug Freeman; St. Christopher's of Northport and its Rector, Chrysanne Timm. We remember the Church of Ireland. We pray:

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

*Lector I:* O God, help us so to live that all your people may have clean air, food, water, and shelter. Give us grace to do all we can to protect and preserve your creation. We pray:

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

*Lector II:* O God, may we cease to be a cause of suffering for others. Help us to end violence, hatred, anger, racism and war. In particular, we pray over the protests in Kenya. We pray:

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

*Lector I:* O God, we pray for those who have died and those who will die this day unremarked or unattended. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(A pause is observed while additional prayers are offered.)* We pray:

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

*Lector II:* Let us offer additional prayers, either silently or aloud. *(A pause 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, our kindred all.

**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:* With respect, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Announcements

## The Liturgy of the Table

### Reception of Gifts

Offertory Music – La Volta

*William Byrd*

### Presentation Hymn

8:00 (*spoken*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

10:30

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be -  
low; O praise him, al-le - lu - ia! Praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise  
Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O praise him, O praise him, Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### The Invitation

*Presider I:*

Friends in Christ, 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.

### The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer I (BCP)*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



*Presider:* Eternal Triune God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another, to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of these gifts, and in all creation.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared through the centuries and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Therefore, we raise our voices, for ever praising you and saying:

**Sanctus** (*Spoken or sung*)

*David Hurd*

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

*Presider:* Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children will be free.

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

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

On the night before he died, your Son, Jesus, took bread; he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

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

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

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. † Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine and upon us, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. † Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

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

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

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider I:* Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

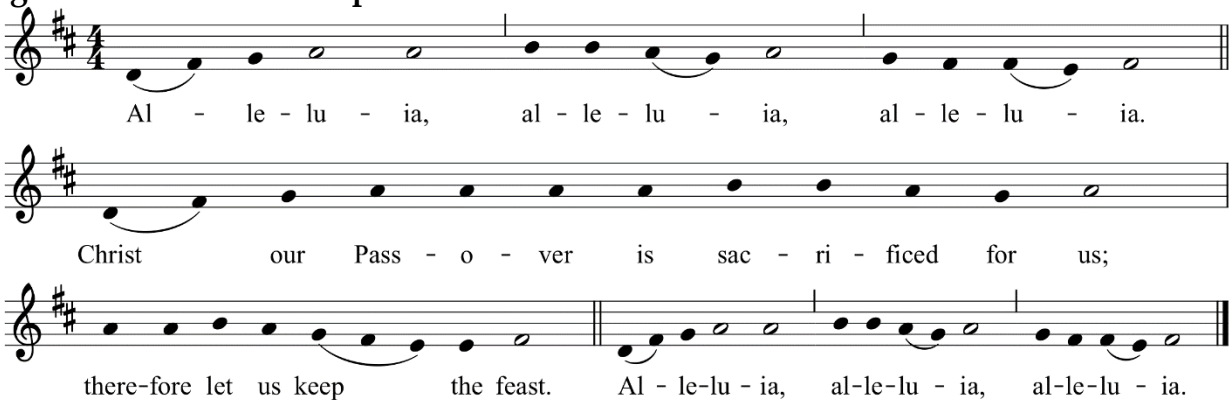
**(Traditional)** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 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 estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de este día y perdona nuestras deudas, como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores y no nos dejes caer en la tentación mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament

*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.

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

**Instruction for Receiving Communion:** *As is our tradition, all are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Following the distribution of consecrated bread, please feel free to dip your host into consecrated wine offered in a cup for intinction. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with hands crossed over your chest. Please follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left. All are welcome at the Table of the Lord.*

**Healing Prayer:** *When present in the South Transept, healing ministers offer a brief and simple prayer.*

## Post-Communion Prayer *(You may stand.)*

*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.

## The Blessing

*Presider I:* May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of God's hand. And may God bless us, †Father, Son and Holy Spirit this day and forever more, we pray:

*All:* Amen.

## Hymn of Sending Forth – Blue Hymnal 436: Lift Up Your Heads

*Truro*

## Sending Forth

*Priest or Deacon:* Our Worship has ended – now our Service begins.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude - Toccata

*Krieger*

*Thank you for being with us today. We are all invited to participate in the St. Mark's tradition to remain seated until candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended. Then join us in the Parish Hall for further fellowship.*

## The St. Mark's Prayer List

*Contact the church office to add names to the prayer list. Names may be removed after one month unless requested.*

### The Sick and Other Needs

David Abbott  
Alissa Almont  
Dave Atkinson  
Jayne Austin  
Ed Cox  
Terry Dusendang  
Ruth Hammond  
Bill Isenberg  
Jennifer Julius  
Jeffrey LoTempio  
Kathryn Marmion  
Laura Maslonka  
Jim, Chris McClain  
Doris Molina  
Bill Nasser  
Ed, Chris Nicholson  
John Oatley  
Nora Quillen and family  
Chris Reale  
Javier Ronquillo  
Becky Stein-Wells  
Meghan VanderMale  
Marilee Wexstaff

Sue Allen  
Susan Andrews  
Nita DeGraaf  
John Gracki  
Irene Haizman  
Mary Rollins  
Irene Savara  
Roma Warmington  
Jean Zylstra

### In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA  
PV2. Cailen Donahue McLea, USA  
Spc. Henry Dykema, ARNG  
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF  
Col. Lt. Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC  
Col. Todd Murray, USAF  
2LT. John Nicholson, USA

### Members of the Vestry

Dawn Buller, Sr. Warden  
Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden  
Brian Topolewski, Clerk  
Gloria Lara, Treasurer  
Jon Anderson  
Ben Busman  
Laura Kozminski  
Emily Krueger  
Penny Larsen  
Dan McDonald  
Carmela McIntire  
Amy Richards-Duncan

### Search Committee

Bob Brower  
Doug Busman  
Nancy Dodge  
Karen Hunter  
Penny Larson  
Shawn Miller  
Heather Tafel  
Darren Walhof  
Jackie Yam

### Postulant for Holy Orders

Thon Deng  
Cathy Stevens

**Prayer for the Transition:** Holy Spirit of God, So many come to our Parish for a sense of home. The consistency and constancy of our community provides a special peace, a haven. Now, our Parish family faces a change which may be frightening or discomfoting. We ask for calm and an openness to hear every voice. May we remind ourselves and one another: We are in God's hands. We ask for Shalom—balance, patience and peace. May we find our hearts strangely warmed by this process. May we find strength, joy and endurance. Amen. ~ Laura Kozminski

## Offerings and Multiple Ways to Give to St. Mark's

Place check or cash in the offering plate

Electronic giving (email [pams@stmarksgr.org](mailto:pams@stmarksgr.org))



Vanco Mobile App from any mobile device:

Pay by text – text 616-205-9714 from your phone to send a payment

Mobile App Square Cash – Cashtag: \$stmarksgr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgr)



Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at [www.stmarksgr.org](http://www.stmarksgr.org) through PayPal

Remember St. Mark's in your Estate Planning (A brochure is available at the Welcome Desk.)

Gifts or transfer of stock

During summer, we kindly ask for your continued support through pledges and offerings. Financials are up for your review on the bulletin board. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Mark's mission and ministry!

### Parish Notes

**Welcome!** Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out a Welcome Card (inside the podium) to get a name tag, receive weekly eNews or officially join the St. Mark's Family in Faith.

**Children's Formation for the Summer:** Four-year-olds through 4th graders will join their parents for the beginning of the Service. (Pick up a special activity bulletin on your way in!) After the Gospel, children are invited to exit the Sanctuary for a lectionary lesson in St. Mary's Chapel and game time in the garden (weather permitting) before returning for Eucharist. Children under four are welcome in nursery care or in the Sanctuary, and the soft-play area is open to all ages.

**Downtown Food Pantry:** Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Downtown Food Pantry. We so appreciate all your contributions and urge you to continue helping if you can. The Downtown Food Pantry's Director, Becky Stein-Wells, suffered a stroke earlier this summer and can use our help and prayers as she continues to recover. Each week, our announcements include the needed food items for the month, although all food items are appreciated and used! Just bring your cans or boxes to church with you and leave them by the basket just inside the Sanctuary doors.

**Together West Michigan Delegates Assembly, July 27th 10:00–11:30 a.m.** It's a big year for elections at every level. We'll decide again who will represent us in important decisions about childcare, housing, mental health and more. RSVP using the link in our eNews or Facebook post.

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Bring your questions or ideas to the Welcome Desk, to Dan McDonald or Brian Topolewski after the 8:00 a.m. Service, or Penny Larson after the 10:30 a.m. Service.

### Church Spotlight: The Next Three Sundays!

**July 21<sup>st</sup> Celebrating Episcopal 101 participants**  
Postulant Thon Deng preaches



**July 28<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Thon Deng's** experiences with us during his first year of field education and being a student with the Diocesan Academy. It has been a privilege for St. Mark's to be Thon's field placement. Thon has another year of learning with the academy. He will also have a second year of field placement and may return to St. Mark's, pending arrival of St. Mark's new rector.

**August 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrating Mother Sue York**, during the 10:30 a.m. Service and special Social Hour. Thank you to all who have been showering her with cards and gratitude, as well as those who are stepping up in the Outreach and Prayer Ministries for which Sue has such a passionate heart. Stay tuned for more opportunities to honor her sixteen years of presence and service at St. Mark's.

