

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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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.

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.

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.

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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The Gathering of the People

Prelude – Ricercar

J.J. Froberger

Welcome

Gathering Hymn – Blue Hymnal 304: I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Land of Rest

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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

The Hebrew Reading (*You may sit.*)

2 Samuel 11:1-15

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

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

Dixit insipiens

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

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;

there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
**to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
**who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

The Christian Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn – Red Hymnal 146: Break Thou the Bread of Life

William F. Sherwin

The Gospel

John 6:1-21

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

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for

each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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 The Bishop Whittemore Foundation; The Order of Naucratus. We remember the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East. 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. 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 – Sheep May Safely Graze

Ella Todd, viola

J.S. Bach

Presentation Hymn

8:00

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 below; O praise him, alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

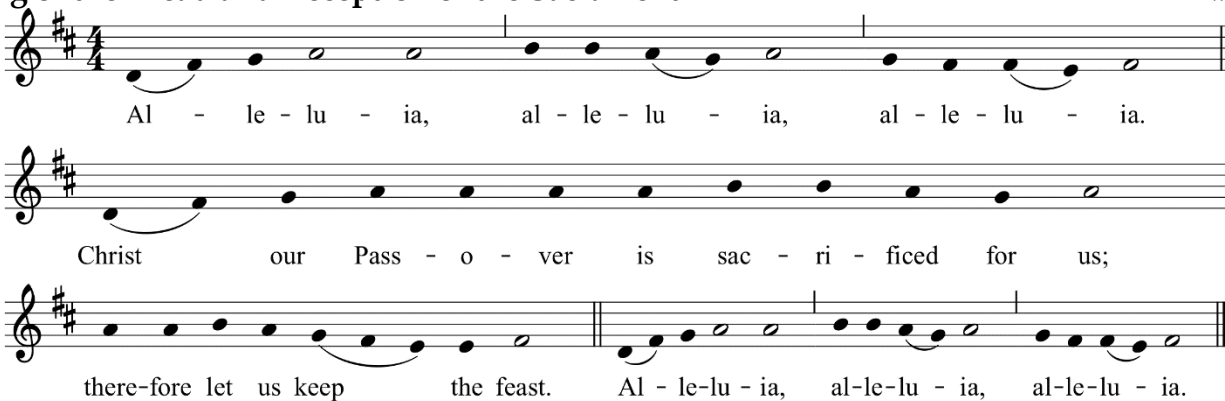
(Traditional) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. 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 455: O Love of God, How Strong and True

Dunedin

Sending Forth

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Toccata

Froberger

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
Gary Leonard
Jeffrey LoTempio
Kathryn Marmion
Laura Maslonka
Jim, Chris McClain
Doris Molina
Bill Nasser
Ed, Chris Nicholson
John Oatley
Joseph Pinto
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
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Darren Walhof
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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@stmarksg.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: \$stmarksg Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksg](https://cash.me/$stmarksg)



Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at www.stmarksg.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 the summer months, we kindly ask for your continued support through pledges and offerings. Additionally, the financials are available 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.

Additional Parking is available again in the GRCC ramp across from the public library, using the curved entrance off Fountain Street. Parking is free, without needing a pass, until 2:00 p.m. Any cars remaining in the lot after 2:00 p.m. will have to pay to exit.

Celebrating Postulant Thon Deng Today! If you missed his sermon last week, go watch the recording. It has been a privilege for St. Mark's to be Thon's field placement. Thon has another year of learning with the Diocesan Academy. He may return to St. Mark's for further field study, pending arrival of a new rector.

Gifts for Mother Sue, Celebration August 4th: We will honor Rev. Susan York and her sixteen years of ministry here, at and after both Services. Contributions to a traditional gift "purse" can be made through any payment method above with the memo line "Mother Sue." Cards can be sent directly or to St. Mark's. Folks from the 8:00 a.m. Service can contact Susan Brasic, susanbrasic@gmail.com or 616-240-7475, to add to a personal gift and treats. Send any favorite photos with Mother Sue to officeadmin@stmarksgr.org by the 1st.

Episcopal 101 Graduates: Last week we honored each participant's dedication of time, thought, reflection and discussion of our faith: David Bartman, Brent and Megan Besemer, Thom Burke, Tracy Donahue, Barbara Gordon, David and Beth Hamm, Cindy Kok, Jane Kotarski and Dan Stauffer, Emily and Shane Kouri, Pamela Leddick, Melanie Lozer, David Molinari, Ceci and John Mumma, Joshua Roach, F. Gunnar Nordgren, Calvin Wiersma and Elizabeth "Betsy" Zandstra. Watch for a new class starting this fall or spring.

Children's Formation for the Summer: Four-year-olds through fourth 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 may exit the Sanctuary for a lectionary lesson in the Chapel and game time in the garden, to return at Eucharist.

Downtown Food Pantry: Thank you to all who bring food items to the basket just inside the Sanctuary doors.

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 Laura Kozminski after the 10:30 a.m. Service.

Other Ways to Stay "In the Know" with Vestry Activities: The Vestry also welcomes any parishioner to Vestry meetings that are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July) at 6:30 p.m. Vestry Minutes from each previous month's meetings are always posted on the bulletin board next to the main entrance.

Church Spotlight Jesus Christ Superstar – Join In the Fun!

Calling all children in third grade through high school teens –
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Performances: August 16 at 6:30 p.m.

August 17, 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Hope you are having a lovely summer!