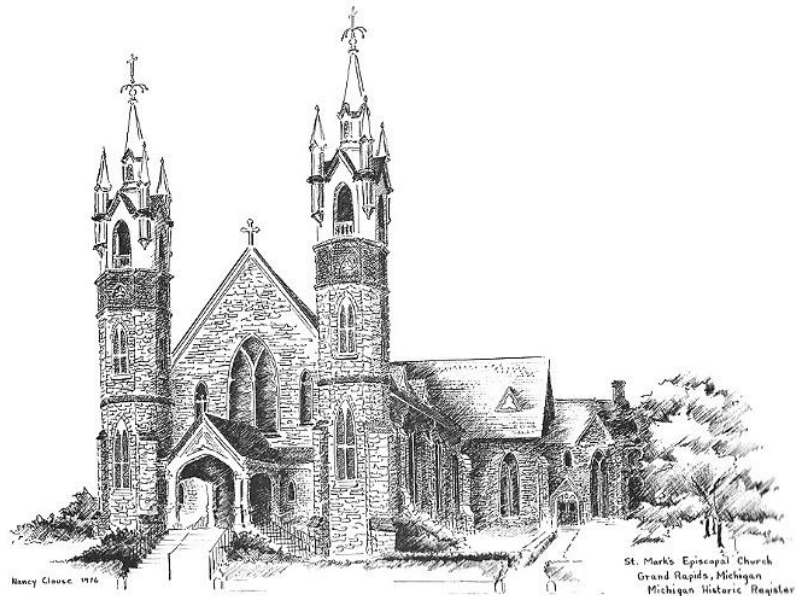


Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday after the Ascension

June 1, 2025
10:30 a.m.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
134 N. Division Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
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616.456.1684

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 Information packed from a welcome folder inside the lobby podium.

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: There are three shorter pews, two in the north transept and one on the north side of the nave. Please only sit there or in the adjoining pews if you have assistive devices or need of extra space.

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. Please pay attention to the nearest exit in the Sanctuary. In an emergency, an announcement will be made and children will be ushered 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. 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 (only until 2 p.m.), 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 (must be used 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. More rest rooms are available on the second level of the Parish House, if you are able to use the stairs.

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 at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook.

Sunday School: We offer children's and youth formation, including Make a Joyful Noise with Mr. Alex, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Nursery care for children under kindergarten is available from 9:15 a.m. through the 10:30 a.m. Service. For more information please contact Jeff Brown, Director of Faith Formation, at jeffb@stmarksgr.org.

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 grades 6-12. We have regular formation gatherings during the school year and service as well as social activities throughout the year. Our Director of Faith Formation is Jeff Brown, 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: contact Doug Karsen for more information at karsendc@gmail.com.

Breakfast Café Ministry: A program to nourish our neighbors with a hot meal every Saturday at 8:15 a.m.. 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.

eNews: For the fullest expression of St. Marks' activities, get the weekly eNews in your email or from our homepage.

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

St. Mark's Staff

The Rev. David Blank, Interim Rector
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon

Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager
Kate Assarian, Administrative Associate
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Alexis VanZalen, Organ Scholar

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Ronnie Hammond, Sexton
Craig Mosley, Sexton Associate, Video
Marquice Jackson, Weekend Sexton
Jamie Interrial, Security Representative
Eric Gable, Webmaster

The Gathering of the People

Prelude — See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

James Niblock

Introit — He Is King of Kings

Negro Spiritual

Welcome

Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 460: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

Salutation for the Easter Season

Presider: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Presider: Let us pray:

People: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Gloria (*Bells ringing.*)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace— to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry Lord Je-sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer, For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,—
you a-lone— are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most— High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God—the Fa-ther. A - men.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are several triplets marked with a '3' and a bracket. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Collect

Deacon: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading (*You may sit.*)

Acts 1:1-11

Lector I: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

(Prayed responsively by half verse at 8 a.m. Antiphon intoned by the choir and repeated by all at 10:30 a.m.)



God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *

shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *

he is the great King over all the earth.

Antiphon

He subdues the peoples under us, *

and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, *

the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Antiphon

God has gone up with a shout, *

the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

Antiphon

God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

Antiphon

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn — Blue Hymnal 215, vv. 1–2: See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph *(continues) In Babilone*

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn (continued) — Blue Hymnal 215, v. 3: See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph *In Babilone*

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: As we celebrate this Season of Easter, we ask God to hear our prayers with our response: O God, hear us. During the periods of silence I invite you to add additional prayers either silently or aloud.

O God: We pray in thanksgiving for all those gathered here today. We pray for St. Mark's and our many ministries. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons: Sean, Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes; Bonnie and Rayford, Bishops of Michigan and Northern Michigan; Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Julie, ELCA Bishop-Elect of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod; Hope St. John's of Oscoda and its Senior Warden, Pete Mapes; St. James of Pentwater and its Rector, Steve Bartlett; Sudanese Grace of Grand Rapids and its Rector, Zachariah Char. We remember the Anglican Church of Korea. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For the President, Congress, our Governor, our judicial system, our Mayor and for all in authority, that they may be people of justice, integrity and truth. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For the good earth which God has entrusted to us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed, the homeless, refugees and for all who seek a better way of life. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Give us grace to respond to the needs of those in distress, especially those who suffer because of hatred, racism, bigotry, violence and war. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For our newly called rector and family, in this season of new life for our St. Mark's community. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week. Bless them with joy and well-being. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For all those on our Parish Prayer List, our military personnel, the sick, all those for whom we have promised to pray and those we now name silently or aloud. *(Pause to add additional names silently or aloud.)* We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. *(Pause to add additional names.)* We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: For what else or whom else shall we pray today? *(Pause.)* We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Deacon: For all these prayers we have named aloud and those which lie deep within our hearts. We pray: **O God, hear us.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider: †Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: **And always with you.**

Presider: Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Graduate Recognition

Announcements

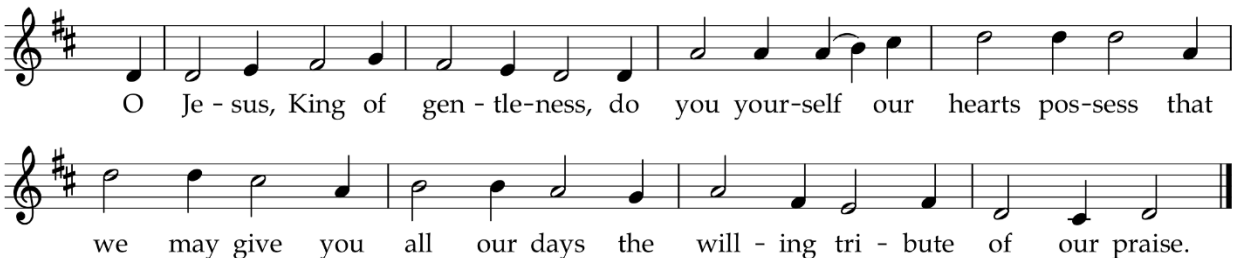
The Liturgy of the Table

Reception of Gifts

Offertory Music — King of Glory, King of Peace

Charles Callahan

Presentation Hymn



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.**

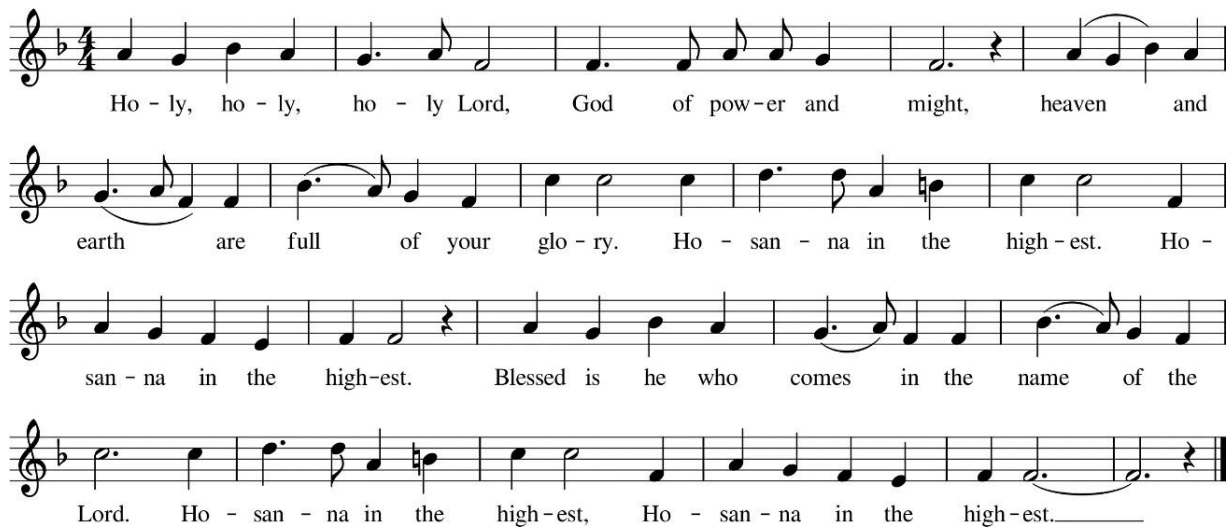
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Richard Proulx



Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. †Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

†Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

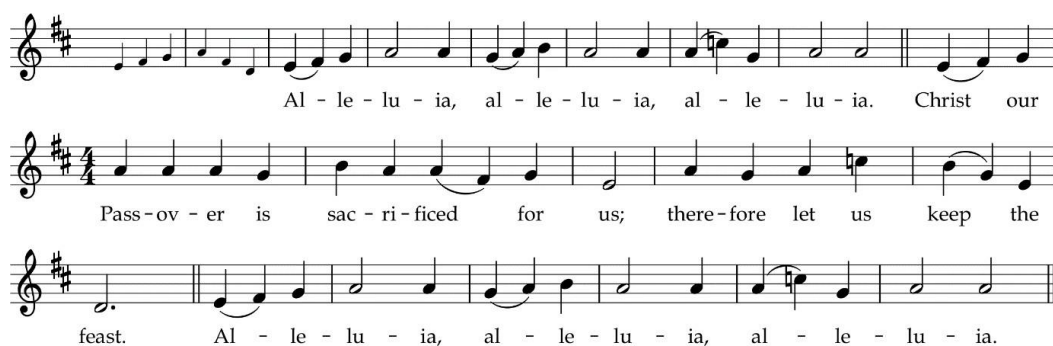
(Traditional) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

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



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

All are invited to receive Holy Communion which contains both consecrated bread and wine. An intinction cup with consecrated wine is available. Gluten-free consecrated bread without wine is available upon request. Please follow the guide of the Ushers to receive the Sacrament at the communion rail by filling in from right to left. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. 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.*

Communion Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 307: Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Bryn Calfaria

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

Presider: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Holy God, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us children through the resurrection of the Son, Jesus, the Christ, bestow upon us the riches of Christ's blessing. **Amen. Alleluia!**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make us holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen. Alleluia!**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance. **Amen. Alleluia!**

†And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Sending Forth — Blue Hymnal No. 544: Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

Sending Forth

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude — Postlude on “Hyfrydol”

Jeanne Schaffer

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

Alissa Almonte
Dave Atkinson
Jayne Austin
Sally Bowie
Christopher Brewer
Ed Cox
Cullen Davies
Ellyn Davies
Derby Family
Terry Dusendang
Margaret Lara
David Leach
Kathryn Marmion
Laura Maslonka
Jackie McCarthy
Chris McClain
Jean McCormick
Carmela McIntire
Goebbert-McIntire Family
Bill Nasser
Ed Nicholson
Rich Oehrl
Joe Pinto
Linda Radke
Chris Reale
Michael Reale, Sr.
Julie Renauldo
Javier Ronquillo
Beverly Roye
Dan Scripsema
Meghan VanderMale

Sue Allen
Susan Andrews
Nita DeGraaf
John Gracki
Jennifer Julius
Mary Rollins
Irene Savara

In Military Service

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

Members of the Vestry

Ben Busman, Sr. Warden
Judy Freeman, Jr. Warden
Emily Krueger, Clerk
Gloria Lara, Treasurer
Steve Bell
Scot Guggle
Laura Kozminski
Penny Larsen
Dan McDonald
Carmela McIntire
Rex Miller
Michael Reale

Search Committee

Bob Brower
Doug Busman
Nancy Dodge
Karen Hunter
Carmela McIntire
Shawn Miller
Heather Tafel
Darren Walhof
Tom Woudstra,
Chaplain

Postulant for Holy Orders

Thon Deng

Candidate for Holy Orders

Cathy Stevens

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

Place check or cash in the offering plate

Electronic giving (email pams@stmarksgsr.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: \$stmarksgsr Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksgsr](https://cash.me/$stmarksgsr)

Mail a check to the church

Online at our website at www.stmarksgsr.org through PayPal

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

Gifts or transfer of stock



Church Spotlight: Graduate Recognition Today!

College Grads: Anna Bremmer, who has gifted our Choir with her vocal talents for several years, is graduating from Grand Valley State University (GVSU).



Xander Brown, son of Jeff and Angie Brown, graduated from Purdue University.

Catherine Gonzales has completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Food and Nutrition at GVSU. Cat's next plans include GVSU's Master of Science in Clinical Dietetics.

Alex Goodyear, son of Geoff and Ellen Goodyear, graduated from GVSU.

Lauren Goodyear, daughter of Geoff and Ellen Goodyear, graduated from Hope College.

High School Grad: Alexander Dixon, son of Kate Pyles, graduated from Forest Hills Central High School and is going to GVSU in the fall.

Headed to High School: Caleb Busman

Heading to 6th Grade and Middle School: Zeke Besemer, Ruby Busman, Will Falkenstern, Logan Fletcher, Charlotte Dunnick, Henry Harris, Remy Henry, Sam Krueger

Parish Notes

Welcome! Guests, please sign the book in the front lobby. Fill out the new parishioner information sheet (in the lobby podium) to get name tags, receive weekly eNews or officially join the St. Mark's Family in Faith.

Video Study Group, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. All are invited to join Dave and Beth Hamm in the Canterbury Room between Services for the next several weeks. The thirty-minute lessons come from The Great Courses DVD series "How Jesus Became God" by author and lecturer Professor Bart D. Ehrman.

Annual Diaper Drive Wrap-up: Thank you to everyone who has brought in diapers for Kent County pantries!

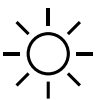
Calling All St Mark's Cyclists, Today! Join fellow parishioners for a bike ride after Social Hour, around 12:30 p.m. We will head out to Millennium Park (round trip 12 miles), with an option for lunch downtown.

Congratulations to our Baptism Candidates! We celebrate Thom Burke, Camden Conti and Remi Dwyer.

Celebrating Father David, June 8th: We will celebrate Fr. David with a festive reception during both Social Hours. As a congregation we have been blessed by Fr. David serving as our Interim Rector for nearly two years! Saint Mark's has continued to thrive under his prayerful guidance and leadership. Donations for a gift "purse" for Fr. David can be put in the lock box inside the half wall by the front desk, mailed in Attn: Pam Stevenson, or submitted using Cash App or Paypal. Include "Gift for Fr. David" on the memo or comment line.

Lector Training, June 15th at 9:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Returning and new lectors of all ages are welcome to try out this important ministry. For more information contact Deacon Jan, jangoc@mac.com.

Solarize GR Event, June 17th, 7:00 p.m.: The Creation Care Ministry at St. Mark's is hosting an informational event for Solarize GR. This City of Grand Rapids initiative brings homeowners together to save money on solar by buying in bulk. The more people who each buy solar, the better their discounts, up to 15%. Register via the eNews link or contact Steve, steven.mark.mulder@gmail.com, with any questions.



Volunteer for Pride Booth, June 21st: St. Mark's supports Grand Rapids PRIDE! Our church proudly stands with our LGBTQ+ friends, family and neighbors. Come spread God's love for all people. Sign up for one or more one-hour time slots between 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., at the Welcome Desk or through Scot, s.gugle@comcast.net.

Save the Date for Godspell! Youth from elementary through high school are invited to participate in this 3rd annual musical production directed by Dr. Monique Salinas at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Evening rehearsals will take place August 1st – 14th. Performances will be on the 15th at 6:30 p.m. and the 16th at 2:00 and 6:30 p.m. Contact Jan Barclay, 616-901-9364 or barclayjanet4@gmail.com, to get involved or learn more.

Lost and Found: Please take a moment to check the lost and found items in the front lobby desk area, especially if you are missing a mug or water bottle.