

The Second Sunday After Pentecost



**June 22, 2025
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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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 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@stmarksgo.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. Jedediah Fox, Incoming Rector
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon

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The Gathering of the People

Prelude — Pastorale

Gustav Merkel

Welcome

Gathering Hymn — Blue Hymnal No. 372: Praise to the Living God

Leoni

Salutation

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

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: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 First Reading (*You may sit.*)

Isaiah 65:1-9

Lector I: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say,

"Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

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

Psalm 22:18-27

Deus, Deus meus

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

Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Lector II: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn — Red Hymnal 62, vv. 1, 2: In Christ There Is No East or West *(continues after Gospel) McKee*

The Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

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

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn (continued) — Red Hymnal No. 62, vv. 3, 4: In Christ There Is No East or West *McKee*

Homily *(You may sit.)*

The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon

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: 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; Trinity Church of Three Rivers and its Clergy-in-Charge, James Smith; St. John's of Harbor Springs and its Senior Warden, Hord Armstrong. We remember the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola. 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.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

Reception of Gifts

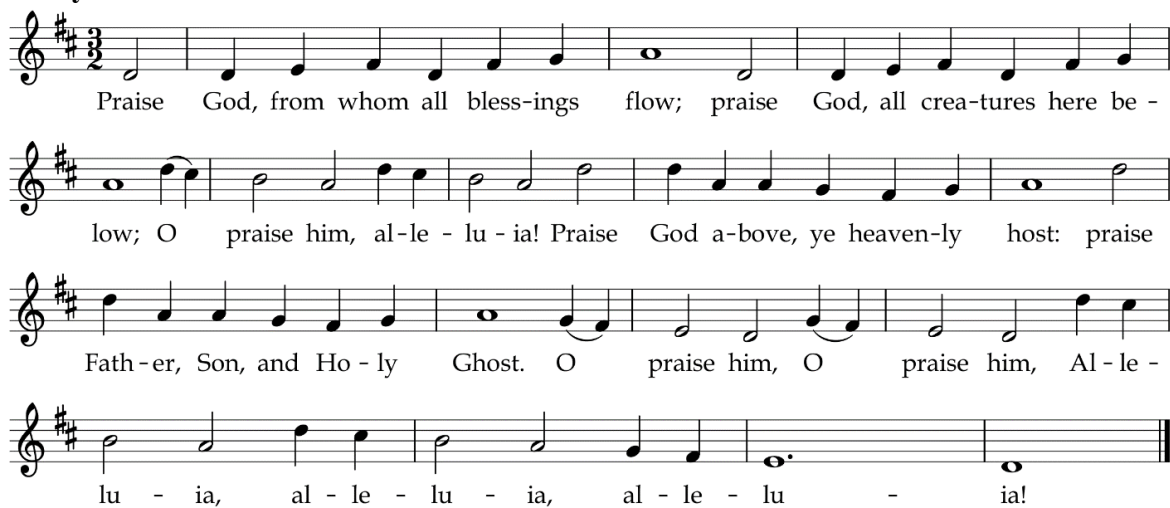
Offertory Music — Ingemisco tamquam reus

Giuseppe Verdi

Napoleon Stone, tenor

I groan as a guilty one, and my face blushes with guilt; spare the supplicant, O God. You, who absolved Mary Magdalen, and heard the prayer of the thief, have given me hope, as well. My prayers are not worthy, but show mercy, O benevolent one, lest I burn forever in fire. Give me a place among the sheep, and separate me from the goats, placing me at your right hand.

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.**

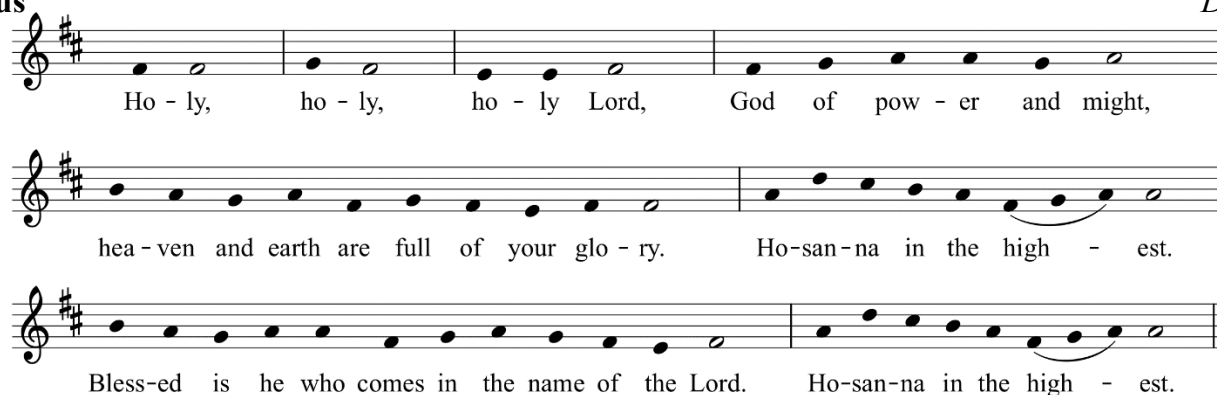
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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

David Hurd



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.

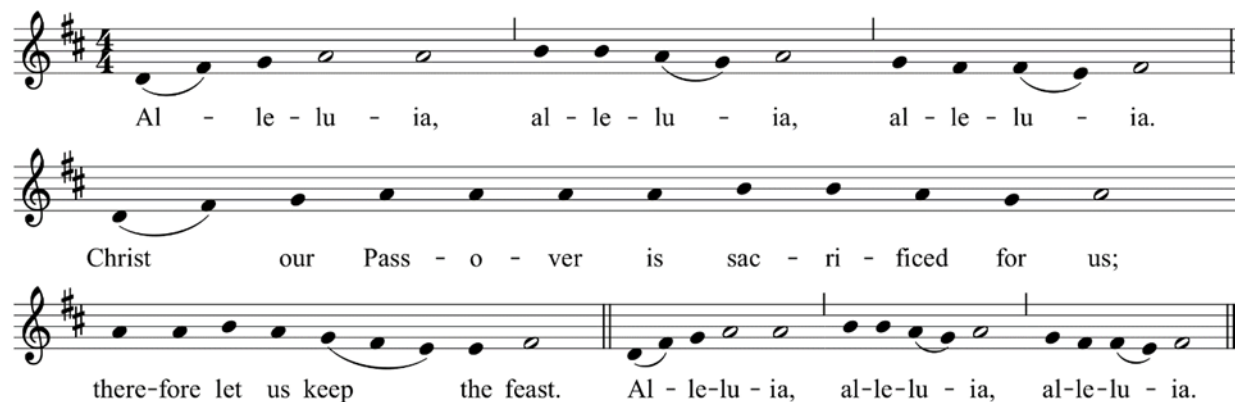
(Traditional) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.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

David Hurd



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 Holy Communion: *All are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. Please feel free to dip your host into the cup. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. Follow the Ushers' direction to the communion rail and fill in from right to left.*

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

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.**

The Blessing

Presider: Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn of Sending Forth — Blue Hymnal No. 411: O Bless the Lord, My Soul!

St. Thomas

Sending Forth

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — Postludium

C.H. Rinck

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
Sally Bowie
Christopher Brewer
Ed Cox
Cullen Davies
Ellyn Davies
Derby Family
Terry Dusendang
Margaret Lara
David Leach
Laura Maslonka
Chris McClain
Kerry Morey
Bill Nasser
Ed Nicholson
Rich Oehrl
Joe Pinto
Linda Radke
Chris Reale
Julie Renauldo
Javier Ronquillo
Beverly Roye
Jennifer Ruberto
Dan Scripsema
Meghan VanderMale
Roger York

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

In Military Service

B.G. Timothy Brower, Sr. USA
SPC. Cailen W. Donahue-McLea
Spc. Henry Dykema, ARNG
Cpt. Nathan Gaggin, USAF
PFC Kayla Gilardi
Cpt. Charles Lewis, 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 Gugle
Laura Kozminski
Penny Larsen
Dan McDonald
Carmela McIntire
Rex Miller
Michael Reale

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@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

Church Spotlight: Say Cheese, Today! Church Directory Photoshoot Session Two of Four



Our Sexton Craig will offer on-site professional photos during both Social Hours today, plus September 7th and 14th. If you prefer to submit a headshot or portrait, send it to pams@stmarksgsr.org.

This photo directory will be a very useful tool for us and our new rector. Please also confirm the accuracy of your Directory information inside the sign-in binder in the photography area.

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 the Canterbury Room between Services for the next few weeks. The thirty-minute lessons come from The Great Courses series "How Jesus Became God".

Spring Cleaning? As summer begins, our Breakfast Café guests have a need for new socks and underwear, as well as gently used men's t-shirts, jeans and slacks, hoodies, sunglasses and toiletries.

Plainsong Farm "Sabbath at the Farm," Tonight and Ongoing, 4:30 p.m.: Plainsong Farm, at 6677 12 Mile Road NE in Rockford, is a peaceful place whose mission is cultivating connections between people, places and God. We recently attended the service, where we were invited to join in the singing, scripture reading, and activities centered around the theme "Sabbath Slow Down". After the service, we gathered for a potluck dinner. It was all delicious, and we had plenty of time to fellowship. Plainsong Farm offers these informal services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the summer. Bring something to share for dinner if you can. Do not worry if you cannot. The theme for this next time is "Sabbath Delight". You can find out more about Plainsong Farm on Facebook or www.plainsongfarm.com. ~Betty Anne Taylor

Special Collection for Camp: For the final two weeks in June, our special offering will be for our camp scholarship fund. Envelopes will be in the pews for a special collection. Please consider contributing so that all St. Mark's families who wish to participate in summer camps are able to do so. Please reach out to Jeff Brown.

Vestry News: Your Vestry met on Tuesday, May 27th. We reviewed our church's finances, which are in good shape at this point in the year. Wendy Stock of the Endowment Committee provided a review of the endowment and its finances, which are also in sound condition. Judy Freeman provided an update on the Capital Campaign project. Our construction management company, Rockford Construction, is a well-respected company with a lot of experience managing projects of this type, so we are very pleased to be able to partner with them. So far we have \$3.5 million pledged to this project, and our fundraising committee is continuing its work to ensure we gather the full amount. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 24th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings to ask questions or provide feedback. Vestry meeting minutes are posted in the lobby.

Ordinations to the Priesthood, June 28th, 2:00 p.m.: All are invited to nearby Grace Episcopal Church. By the Grace of God and with the Consent of the People the Right Reverend Gladstone Bailey "Skip" Adams, III will ordain: Jonathan Bratt Carle, Barrett Lee, Ryan Lockwood, Kristine Veldheer and Anne Marie Warner.

"St. Francis in the Garden," July 2nd, 3:00 p.m.: All are invited to this guided walk in the woodland setting of the Saint Francis Sculpture Garden, west of the Marywood campus at 2023 E. Fulton. Dressed as the sainted monk, Brian "Fox" Ellis will tell stories and songs to embody Francis's love of nature, work for the poor and social mission of peace. Contact Mic Carlson, 616-443-0376, or saintfrancissculpturegarden.org.

Ordinations to the Diaconate, Saturday, July 12th: Save the date for an early afternoon ordination here at St. Mark's, to include our own community member Cathy Stevens and six other candidates.

Fr. Jedediah (Jed) Fox's First Sunday, July 20th: You won't want to miss meeting our next rector and welcoming him and his family into our community!

Save the Date for Godspell! *Godspell* fans will recognize the lyrics in today's sending hymn, "O Bless the Lord My Soul!" as one of the show's catchy songs. 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 learn more.