

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025

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8:30 & 10:30 AM

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Branching Out into the World

This bulletin contains all the information you need to worship with us today. Learn more about St. Mark's Episcopal Church, our ministry and mission, the Diocese of Chicago, and the Episcopal Church in the United States by visiting our website at **www.stmarksglenellyn.org.**



PASTORAL CARE & PRAYER LIST

The parish prayer list is updated weekly, and names are always welcome to be added. If you or someone you know has a pastoral care need, St. Mark's is here to help.

CONTACTS

- The Rev. George Smith rector@stmarksglenellyn.org
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- (847) 636-0881

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We'd like to get to know you!

We hope that you feel truly welcome and at home at St. Mark's.

Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew or scan the QR code to complete the "Visitors and Guests Form."

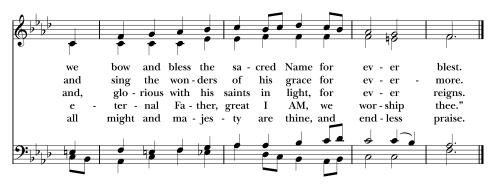


If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or ushers. You may also call the office at any time at 630-858-1020, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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THE ENTRANCE RITE Stand as able as the bell is rung





Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT for PURITY

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.**

GLORIA

The Gloria is sung in a round



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

8:30 AM SERVICE: proceed to page 6 for the Epistle and then page 6 for the Psalm.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 1:1,10-20

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,

you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,

I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Sung by the congregation



1 The Lord, the God of gods, has /spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its /setting.
2 Out of Zion, perfect in its /beauty, *
God reveals himself in /glory.

Psalm 50:1-8,23-24

- 3 Our God will come and will not keep /silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging /storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from a/bove * to witness the judgment of his /people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal /followers, * those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with /sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his /cause; * for God himself is /judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
 "O Israel, I will bear witness a/gainst you; *
 for I am God, your /God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your /sacrifices; * your offerings are always be/fore me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget /God, *
 lest I rend you and there be none to de/liver you.
 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving /honors me; *
 but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of /God."

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as

it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Gospel





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THE GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Officiant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the

living and the dead.

Officiant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting.

Officiant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of

bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and

return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says

Let us now pray for Julian Jaylen Dubose, Jaylon Jewel Dubose, Ellen Regina Esteban Morales, and Yaquelyn Sorto who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader As we pray for the world, particularly this week for the state of North Dakota,

send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or be seated

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

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

THE PEACE

Officiant People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



ONLINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE OFFERING

Thank you for placing your offerings in the plate.

Offerings are also received with gratitude by QR code (on the left), by mail online at www.stmarksglenellyn.org, or by texting STMCHURCH to 73256.

THE LITURGY of THE TABLE

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

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Following the Offertory, the service continues with this blessing over the gifts

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 1, Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

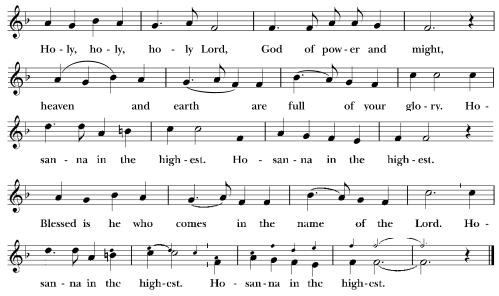
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS HYMNAL S-125



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Please kneel or be seated

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mark and all

your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread, silence is kept

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM



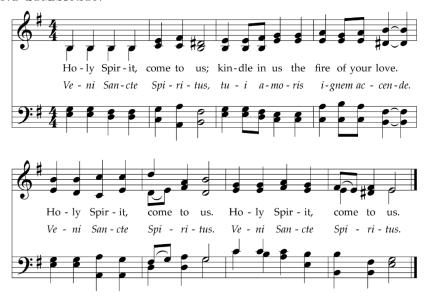
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At the 8:30 am service, communion is administered at the altar rail, standing or kneeling.

At the 10:30 am service, join in one of the two lines to receive communion. The Officiant will place the host in your open hands. Turn to either side to receive the wine from the cup bearer. Please dispose of the serving cup in the nearby receptacle. Gluten free host available upon request.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



The original text of this chant from Taizé is a shortened version of a text sung in the Latin mass after the reading of the gospel on Pentecost. The full text can be translated: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and ignite the fire of your love within them."

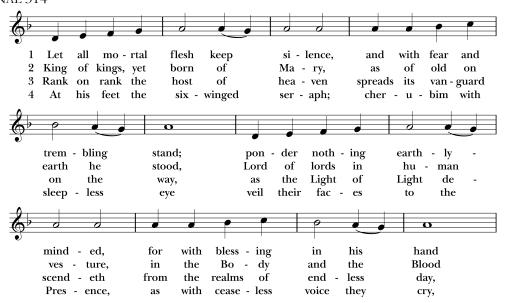
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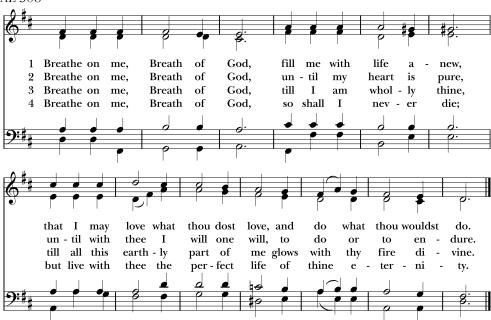
HYMNAL 314





Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885). Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

HYMNAL 508



Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 306 "Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest"

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your servant(s), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

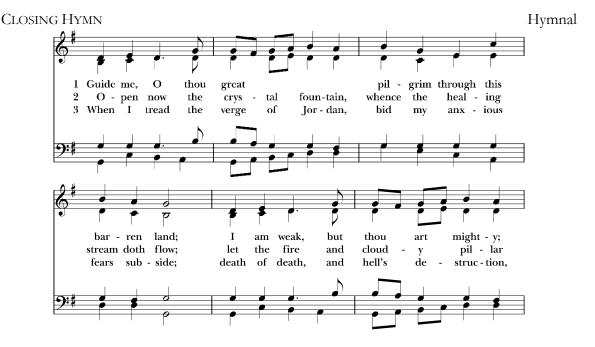
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Do, o schoenes Weltgebaude | G.F. Kauffmann

After the 8:30 AM service, coffee is served in the Narthex. After the 10:30 AM service, coffee hour is in Mahon Hall.

Meet today's Baptism Candidates



Ellen Regina Esteban Morales



Julian Jaylen Dubose



Yaquelyn Sorto Luna



Jaylon Jewel Dubose

LOOKING AHEAD

August 2025			
10	Sunday	All Services	Backpack Blessing & Supply Drive
16	Saturday	8:30 am – 10:30 am	Women's Coffee & Conversation
16	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
17	Sunday	9:45 am – 10:15 am	Usher Training
18	Monday	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	DOK Meeting
19	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
20	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Acolyte Training
21	Thursday	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Car Wash
22	Friday	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Funeral for Margaret Barclay
24	Sunday	All Services	ASP Trip Report
24	Sunday	9:45 am – 10:15 am	Scripture Reader Training / Cup Bearer
			Training
29	Friday	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	The Joy of the Heart: Interfaith Chants,
			Songs, and Meditations
31	Sunday	9:30 am	"Try the Choir" Rehearsal
September 2025			
1	Monday		Office Closed for Labor Day
3	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Women's Potluck Lawn Party
6	Saturday	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	St. Mark's Singers Choir Retreat
7	Sunday	After 10:30 am service	Kick-Off Sunday Festivities
13	Saturday	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Celebration: A Recital for Cello & Piano

UPCOMING EVENTS

Help Fill the Backpacks for the Backpack Blessing Today, Sunday, August 10 at All Services

Every year St. Mark's supports Holy Family Ministries, a ministry partner of Episcopal Charities, by purchasing and donating school supplies and backpacks for children going back to school. Holy Family School is in North Lawndale with all its students in need of financial

assistance to attend.

While purchasing supplies for your own family this fall, help the children at Holy Family by buying some extra supplies or a backpack. **Today, Sunday August 10**, backpacks and other supplies will be blessed at all services. You may visit the Amazon wish list, using the QR Code or the link below to make your purchases and have them shipped to St. Mark's: https://tinyurl.com/edhyvwxf

Today we are collecting supplies, but it's not too late to provide a monetary donation via the QR code!

Questions? Contact Gina Wood at childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org.

Bubbles and Blessings St. Mark's Annual Children's and Youth Ministry Charity Car Wash Thursday, August 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Upper St. Mark's Parking Lot

Get your car washed at St. Mark's! The children and youth of St. Mark's will make your vehicle sparkle and gladly accept your donation to benefit Young: Equal, an organization that works with LGBTQ+ young people through creative arts and recreation.



Children and Youth Car Washers

- Arrive by 4 pm for set up and car wash instructions.
- Bring towels, sponges, squeegees and dress to get wet!
- Parents: Please drop off by 4 p.m. and pick up at 5:30 p.m.
- CAR WASH 4:30 5:30 p.m.

Contact Joyce Fletcher with questions at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

ART AT ST. MARK'S

This Summer's Art Exhibit - The Stained Glass Windows at St. Mark's

The 29 stained glass windows at St. Mark's were created and installed by the Charles Connick Associates studio in Boston between 1953 and 1966. We value them for their artistic, theological, and historical meaning.

The windows in the nave of the church portray images from Scripture about the life of Christ, from the Annunciation to the Ascension. During this summer we are displaying the Scripture texts in frames next to each window.

The windows south of the altar in the chancel show the sacraments.

The windows in the chapel are of Mark, Luke, Barnabas, Paul, Peter and Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane.

More information about the windows and the Charles Connick Associates studio is hanging next to the chapel. If you are interested, you can also visit the Charles Connick Foundation Web site: www.cjconnick.org.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study - Unveiling Hope: A Study of The Book of Revelation

Everyone is welcome to attend this Bible Study. We meet Tuesdays on Zoom from 9 am - 10:30 am. The Zoom link is the same one for Sunday worship: 483-170-780.

The Book of Revelation, the final book of the Bible, is often misunderstood and intimidating because of its elaborate images and symbols. The Tuesday Bible study will journey through the text and arrive at God's ultimate promise of a new heaven and a new earth. This study will bring clarity and encouragement for the challenges of today's world. Questions? Contact Fr. George at 630-858-1020, ext. 222 or rector@stmarksglenellyn.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Ministry for Tea, Crafts & Conversation

Join the Women's Group on Saturday, August 16, from 8:30 to 10:30 am in Lehman Parlor. This is a casual get together to foster and facilitate conversation and relationship building. We hold this gathering every third Saturday of each month. Bring along your favorite craft for relaxing "me-time." We also have some adult coloring pages to spark your creativity and channel inner peace. Herbal and caffeinated tea provided.

Questions? Please contact Rita at women@stmarksglenellyn.org.

MUSIC NOTES .

Upcoming Music Events

- August 29, Friday at 7:00 pm "The Joy of the Heart: Interfaith Chants, Songs, and Meditations." Enjoy a concert of original spiritual songs presented by Juliet Millard and parishioner, Morgan Pintarich, together with the enCHANTed Singers. Mahon Hall. Free and open to the public.
- September 13, Saturday at 3:00 pm "Celebration: A Recital for Cello & Piano." Parishioner, Tanya Carey together with pianist, Cindy Trowbridge present a celebratory concert of music by Beethoven, Chopin, and Kodaly. Also featuring violinist, Almita Vamos. Mahon Hall. Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

Try the Choir this Summer!

All are welcome to join the St Mark's Singers on August 31 at 9:30 am for a rehearsal before singing at the 10:30 am service. No prior experience need - no processing or robes!

Love to sing? Play an instrument? Contact Seth at music@stmarksglenellyn.org to get involved!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to Summer Sunday School Last two weeks, August 10th & 17th at St. Mark's!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We invite students from Pre-k to 5th grade to join us at 10:30am OUTSIDE in the Anna Space (inclement weather Room 123) for Summer

Sundays! Children will play games, sing songs, and hear stories to continue to strengthen their faith in a relaxed summer play atmosphere!

8:30 am – 2:00 pm Little Blessings Nursery – ages 0 - 3

10:30 am – 11:00 am Summer Sunday School (Pre-K to 5th Grade) Anna Garden.

In cases of inclement weather, please meet in Rm. 123.

There will be NO Sunday School classes on August 24th & August 31st, however LITTLE BLESSINGS NURSERY WILL BE OPEN for all service 8:30a--2p.

REGISTER FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025-2026 YEAR! In addition to our **Little Blessings Nursery**, which is open for all 3 services, 8:30a--2p, we will be offering 4 Sunday School classes at **10:30am** starting on KICK-OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH! All children Pre-k--5th grade will gather with Ms. Gina and teachers in Mahon Hall at 10:30am for our prayer and song, and then dismiss to one of our four classrooms:

PLAY & PRAY PRE-K--ages 3-4 / GODLY PLAY--Kindergarten & 1st Graders / FAITH BUILDERS--2nd & 3rd Graders / Friends in Faith --4th & 5th Graders

All children pre-k to 5th grade are welcome any week, but so that we may be prepared to provide materials for our students, we kindly ask you to complete a registration form for EACH CHILD who might be attending this year!

REGISTER BY AUGUST 31ST USING THIS QR CODE.

VOLUNTEER TO WORK WITH CHILDREN AT ST. MARK'S Do you love working with children? we need **VOLUNTEER TEACHERS** (adults over 18), and YOUTH TEACHER HELPERS (junior high/high school students) for teaching for 30 min just FOUR times per year! (Of course, you are welcome to sign up for more classes!) All materials, and easy to follow lesson plans will be provided! Join us in this fun experience of helping our children grow in their faith! **SIGN UP TO TEACH USING THIS QR CODE**.

If you have any questions please contact Gina Wood, Director of Children's Ministry, at: childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Night (ROAR!)

determined).

If you will be entering 6th - 12 grade in the Fall, you are invited to be part of the St. Mark's Youth Program.

Your Youth Night Team, led by David Profitt, is planning some fun activities for the summer. Mark your calendars NOW!! **Invite your friends!**



- Thursday, August 21 **Bubbles and Blessings Car Wash** 4:00 pm 5:30 pm.
 - O All children and youth of St. Mark's are invited to was cars.
 - o Arrive by 4 pm for set up and car wash instructions.
 - o Bring towels, sponges, squeegees and dress to get wet!
 - o Parents: Please drop off by 4 pm and pick up at 5:30 pm.
 - o CAR WASH 4:30 pm 5:30 pm
 - O St. Mark's parking lot. This is a great service project!
- Wednesday, August 27 **Tailgating Party** 6:30 pm 8:00 pm
 - St. Mark's upper parking lot. Fall Youth Night Kick-Off!

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

8th Graders and Older are Invited to Participate in St. Mark's Confirmation - 2025–2026

All students entering 8th grade and above are invited to participate in the Year-long St. Mark's Confirmation program, which begins this fall. Confirmation is an opportunity for young people to investigate their faith and choose to reaffirm the promises made on their behalf at baptism. Confirmation with the Bishop of Chicago will take place in Spring 2026 (Date to be

• Parents of 8th graders – An email and a letter were sent to you, detailing the program goals.

- Talk about Confirmation in your family. Discuss the various ways to serve in the church by being an acolyte, reader, or usher.
- Students Plan to attend the Confirmation Retreat on Friday, October 24 from 6:30 8:30 p.m.
- Confirmation Commissioning will take place on Sunday, October 26.

We hope that your family will prayerfully consider participating in this opportunity to explore Confirmation in the Episcopal Church.

For more information, please contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Formation Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 am Library



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June 1 – August 31: Glimpses of the Gospel

Join other St. Markers as we delve into the week's Gospel reading. Each week during the summer, Adult Formation will gather in the Library from 9:30-10:20 to read the Gospel reading for that Sunday and explore the themes and meanings.

Discussions will be led by **Father George and others**. Adult Formation is a wonderful way to learn new things, gather with other St. Markers, and explore St. Mark's Vision–Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Reaching Out into the World. For more information about Adult Formation, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

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DOK Invitation Next Meeting, August 18 7 – 7:30pm Social Time, 7:30 – 8:30pm Meeting

All women of St. Mark's are invited to be part of Daughters of the King (DOK). We meet for fellowship, prayer, and a short business meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. Beginning this fall, we will be studying the DOK National Study Guide during our monthly meetings. We also pray for all staff, Vestry, and local members of our Order at each meeting.

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is an international order that was begun in 1885 as an order of prayer and service for women in the Episcopal Church. St. Mark's St. Anne Chapter of DOK is over 90 years old.

If you believe God is calling you to pray, serve, and share God's love with the people you meet every day, DOK may be for you. Each Daughter chooses the way she will serve in the church, whether it's through Altar Ministry, Wedding Ministry, Funeral Ministry, working with children or youth, contributing to St. Mark's meals ministry, or any other act of service. For more information, please contact Lynn Dornblaser at ldornblaser@me.com or Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

Acolytes, Readers, and Ushers, Oh My!

Church doesn't happen without the support of **many** volunteers. Are you interested in joining the St. Mark's Ministry Volunteer team? At St. Mark's we use a computer program called *Ministry Scheduler* to make assignments. As a volunteer, you let us know about your availability and service preferences, and you are able to request a substitute, or volunteer to fill in if there is an unexpected opening.

We need volunteers for all of the ministries described below:

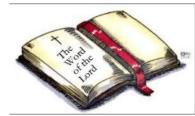
Acolytes — Acolytes carry the cross and torches in and out of the church and lead the Gospel Procession. They also assist the clergy preparing for the Eucharist. They ring the sanctus bells and wear white albs. Acolytes need to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the service in order to "get vested"—(i.e. Put on the alb and tie the cincture.)



Acolyting is open to anyone from 3rd grade through adulthood. If you enjoy leading and serving, and want to be part of the entire service, Acolyting is a great choice. There will be an *Acolyte* Refresher and Training Session on **Wednesday, August 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** New and returning acolytes are encouraged to attend.

Readers — Readers read the lessons from the pulpit. Each Sunday, one or two lessons are read, along with the Prayers of the People. If you enjoy reading aloud in front of people, this may be the ministry for you. A training session for Readers and Chalice/Cup Bearers is scheduled for **Sunday**, **August 24 from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.**

Chalice/Cup Bearers — Chalice/Cup Bearers serve the wine at the Eucharist. They administer the wine either using the Common Cup (Chalice) or individual cups and say, "The blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation." This is a meaningful ministry as you address each individual coming for communion. A training session for Readers and Chalice/Cup Bearers is scheduled for Sunday, August 24 from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.





Ushers — Ushers are the face of St. Mark's for each person who attends. The ushers greet people as they enter the church, invite them to make a name tag and hand them a bulletin. They count the number of people in attendance, pass the offering plates, and guide people to the altar for the Eucharist. Ushers need to arrive 15 minutes early in order to provide a welcome to all attending church. *Usher Training* is scheduled for **Sunday, August 17 from 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.**



If you are interested in joining any of these ministries, please attend the training and/or contact Joyce Fletcher at (630) 204-3175 or by email at iovce@stmarksglenellyn.org

OUTREACH

St. Mark's Meals To Go Saturday, August 16, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Hillside Entrance

St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be giving out a hot meal to go to anyone who wants or needs one on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. All are welcome! www.stmarksmeals.org. Our next Meals to Go lunch will be September 6.

Questions? Contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com

Glen House Food Pantry – Top Needs

Top Needs: Canned Peas & Corn, Salad Dressing, Jarred Spaghetti Sauce, Cookies & Bagged Chips, Canned Chicken, Mayonnaise, Salsa & Queso, and Garlic & Onion Powder. You can bring items to donate to St. Mark's and place them in our shopping cart in the hallway between the library and the narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Frawley at ifrawley260@gmail.com.

Volunteer at Northern Illinois Food Bank Saturday, August 16, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join other St. Mark's members to sort and pack food for local food pantries at Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva on Saturday August 16th and/or Saturday September 27th - 9 a.m. - 12 noon. More information and link to sign up here, https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9.



Questions - Hester Bury, hesterbury@gmail.com

REALM - The St. Mark's Church Directory and More!

Get Connected to St. Mark's with Realm!

Use "Realm" on your cellphone or via the browser on your computer to search the St. Mark's directory, access your online giving, find information about upcoming events at St. Mark's, and communicate with various St. Mark's groups.

- 1. Sign in using the QR code shown or go to https://onrealm.org/stmarksglenellyn, review your contact information and upload a current photo of yourself or your family. If you've forgotten your password, choose "Forgot your password?" after clicking on "Sign In". You will receive an email from Realm with a reset password link.
- 2. If you haven't used Realm, use the QR code or go to https://onrealm.org/stmarksglenellyn and select "Sign Up" and choose "Forgot your password?" An email will be sent to you to refresh your password.

Questions? Please contact Wes Clay-Anderson, our Communications Coordinator, at wes@stmarksglenellyn.org or by phone at 804-937-2529.

ST. MARK'S PRAYERS FOR THE STATES OF OUR COUNTRY

Branching Out Into The World...

At St. Mark's our Vision statement is, "Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Branching Out into the World."

Today and during this week, we will be praying for the state of **North Dakota**. You may want to explore this state during the week.

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The United States acquired the region in the early 19th century, gradually settling it amid growing resistance by increasingly displaced natives. The Dakota Territory, established in 1861, became central to American pioneers. The Homestead Act of 1862 precipitated significant population growth and development. In the mid-20th century, North Dakota's rich natural resources became important to economic development, including from the Bakken formation. North Dakota ranks fairly high in metrics such as infrastructure, quality of life, economic opportunity, and public safety.

Nickname: Peace Garden State, Roughrider State, Flickertail State, Heaven on Earth. Motto: Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable. Anthem: North Dakota Hymn.



Interfaith Chants, Songs, and Meditations



Juliet Millard & Morgan Pintarich

with

The enCHANTed Singers and Chris Howard, guitar

Friday, August 29 7:00 pm St Mark's Glen Ellyn

Come and enjoy this unique and uplifting concert which combines interfaith and cross-cultural chants and songs with prayers and meditation.

Free and open to the public.

Listen, Sing, Pray!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JULEMILLARD@MAC.COM