



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GLEN ELLYN

So the question is not
whether we will be extremists,
but what kind we will be.

Will we stand for hate or for love?

Will we cling to injustice or fight for justice?

Extract from "Letter from Birmingham City Jail"
Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Our Vision: 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.stmarks-glenellyn.org.



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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.

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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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OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the bell is rung

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
 2 He comes with succor speedily to those who suffer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like a mighty to those who suffer wrong,
 4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;
 5 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
 2 to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like a mighty to those who suffer wrong,
 4 all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;
 5 from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest;

1 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
 2 to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
 3 before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
 5 the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

1 to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
 2 whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight,
 3 and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
 4 his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvöglein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT *for PURITY*

The Officiant says

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

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
 and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
 and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
 and he will contend with Israel.
 “O my people, what have I done to you?
 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
 and I sent before you Moses,
 Aaron, and Miriam.
 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
 what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”
 “With what shall I come before the Lord,
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 15 *Domine, qui habitat?*

Verses in bold are sung by the congregation

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your /tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy /hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is /right, *
 who speaks the truth from his /heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his /friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his /neighbor.
4 In his sight the wicked is re/jected, *
but he honors those who fear the /Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no /wrong *
and does not take back his /word.
6 He does not give his money in hope of /gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the /innocent.
†7 Whoever /does these things *
shall never be over/thrown.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

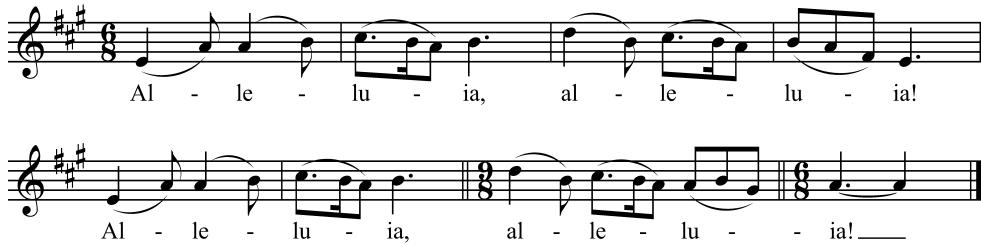
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Clint Moore III, *Priest Associate*

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as able

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.

THE PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE

Modified from the Anglican Church in Canada

God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy, and all people.

We pray for all who look to you for hope, for all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith. Help us to reflect your light in our words and actions, that your love may speak through us.

Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.

Light of all creation, guide us to care for all of your children, our human family, with humility and compassion.

We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of your healing touch.

We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby. We pray for those struggling to survive in the midst of war or genocide. We pray for those in and on the verge of poverty. We pray for those seeking asylum or refuge, and all who feel or are treated as if they don't belong. Today we pray for the Mexican state of Querétaro. Bless us to be a blessing to all peoples and guide us to peaceful and harmonious living in your beloved community.

Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.

We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us. We pray for indigenous peoples past and present and acknowledge that we are situated on the unceded land of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Ottawa, and Potawatomi nations, among many others before them. Grant us the grace and humility to do our part in repairing the harms done to your beloved children and creation, that all may heal and be restored to wholeness in your grace.

Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

Friend of all, drawing each of us to your side with the warmth of your compassion, we pray especially for those on our parish prayer list in need of your tender care, whom we name now silently or aloud.

Karen Nicholson, Matt, Azza and Yara, Joyce Hetzel, Ann Cardwell, Chad Alcorn, Martha Sexauer, Jay Mueller, Terry Heschke, Elizabeth Mueller, Colin Valdivia, Pam Benning, Bella Cuttone, Daniel Ljubi, Avery, Brian Rogers, George Pliml, Ashley and Kevin, Gretchen Kenower, Kris Baier, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Mark Zelman, Emily Resch, Virginia Vagt, Tim Frawley, Jack Clinkman, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampalopotko, John Mueller, Mary Treleven, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Rose Schnell, Donna Valkuchak, Michael Wagoner, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Alison Aguilar, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Jeanne McCauley, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mark Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, Karol Pinzón, Sandy Shellenhamer, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Tina Ulrich, Juan Aguilar, Lucien Greesham, Cooper Stegen, Barbara Barajas, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grieff, Rachel Newlin, Danuta Wroblewska, Priscilla Meldrim, Tracy Smith, Mary Jane Malik, Sally Neuert, Alondra De Casas, Kaleb Tompkins, Estrella Pedroza, Gwen, Shirley Hoops, Pam Rojc, Aunt Diane, Joseph Strati, June Judd, Jim Drew, Sergio Mazariegos, Zoila Via Gambini, Alice Vanest, Barry Nelson, Victor Nieves, Higinio Camarillo, Elizabeth Dresser, Jane Moore, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Ofelia Bustamante, Martha Lakin, Shelley Hoffman, Mike McGrath, Shirley Schafer, Anne Schafer, Chris Kulawik, Jenn McFadden, Jennifer Sousa, Miguel Aguilar, and Martha Torres.

Glow of everlasting life, we pray for those who have died, especially Charles Snider, St. Mark's organist and choirmaster from 1986 to 2016; and for Bill Grippe, father of Carrie Gowans.
Grant to the departed eternal rest as you hold the living and the dead in the warmth of your embrace which melts the barriers between us.

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.

God of radiant light, your love illuminates our hopes before we know them and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

Please be seated or kneel

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.

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.



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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

Blessèd are the poor in spirit | Hymnal 560

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Hymnal S 125

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

Please be seated or kneel as you prefer

Then the Officiant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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 for 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

**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**

thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM



Be known to us Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

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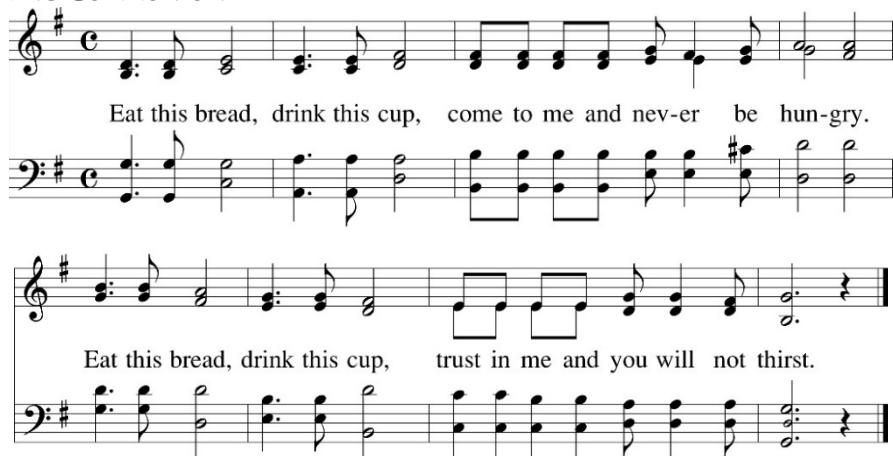
Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME

TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Join in one of the two lines to receive communion. Gluten free hosts are available upon request.
Please dispose of the serving cup on the nearby tray.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hun-gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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HYMNAL 593

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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HYMNAL 550

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Hymnal 1982, after *The Southern Harmony*, 1985; alt. harm. Margart W. Mealy (b. 1922).

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

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.

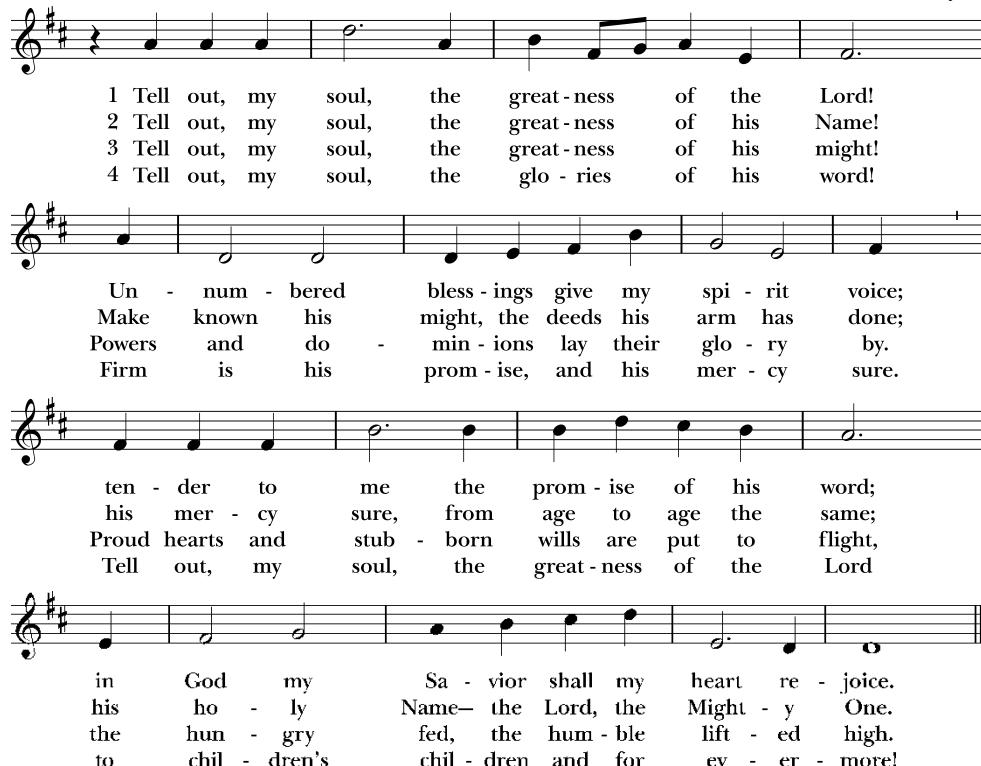
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 438



1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Un - num - bered bles - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name - the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All are welcome to the library for coffee hour.

*This week's altar flowers are givenn thanksgiving for and in momeory of
Charles Snider,
organist and choirmaster of St. Mark's 1986-2016, from Charles' Angels.*

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 27:5-6



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LOOKING AHEAD

February

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|----|------|---|--|
| 1 | Sun | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm | Blood Drive |
| 1 | Sun | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Evensong at Emmanuel Episcopal in LaGrange |
| 4 | Wed | 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm | Women's Group Chocolate Tasting & Poetry Reading |
| 7 | Sat | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Meals to Go |
| 7 | Sat | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Jazz Night |
| 8 | Sun | 11:15 am – 1:00 pm | 2 nd Annual Chili Cook-off |
| 11 | Wed | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Youth Night |
| 17 | Tue | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras |
| 17 | Tue | 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm | Vestry Meeting |
| 18 | Wed | 7:00 am – 7:00 pm 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm | Ash Wednesday – Ashes To Go Eucharists |
| 21 | Sat | 8:30 am – 10:30 am | Women's Coffee & Conversation |
| 21 | Sat | 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Meals to Go |
| 26 | Thur | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Community Dinner |

UPCOMING EVENTS

FESTAL EVENSONG WITH THREE CHOIRS

February 1 at 6 pm
Emmanuel Episcopal, La Grange

Combined choirs from Emmanuel La Grange, Grace Oak Park, & St Mark's Glen Ellyn



2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, February 8
11:30 am - 12:30 pm



JAZZ NIGHT AT ST. MARK'S

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

MUSIC BY GENEVA BAND
ENSEMBLE

ST. MARK'S - 393 N. MAIN ST
(ENTER THROUGH DOOR #1,
DOUBLE DOORS FACING MAIN ST)

Free & open to the public.
Beverages & Light Snacks
Paddle raise during
intermission to benefit
Glen Ellyn Youth & Family Counseling
Service (GEYFCS)



Women's Ministry Chocolate Tasting & Poetry Reading

Wednesday, February 4, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

St. Mark's Library

Come try some new chocolates for our February event. We will provide all chocolates. We will blind taste test and rate our favorites.

Bring your favorite poem, song lyrics or Bible passage to share. We could all use some uplifting and thoughtful words right now. What speaks to your heart that you'd like to share?

Questions? Contact Rita at women@stmarksglenellyn.org.

Support Anima Singers and enter to win a European Getaway!

A group of Anima's Concert and Touring Choristers are headed to Spain in June, and they are raffling off a trip for 2 to either Paris or London - your pick! The trip includes round trip airfare for 2 and hotel accommodations for 3 nights. Travel dates are either November 7-11, 2026, or January 14-18, 2027. Departure airport can be anywhere in the US, and if you win but prefer not to travel, you may gift the trip to a family member or friend. Raffle tickets are \$100 each, and only 100 will be sold! Secure your ticket today by visiting <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/animasingers-raffle>

Contact Kate Curran with questions at Kate@animasingers.org

VESTRY MEETING

From the last Vestry Meeting on January 20, 2026

- Maria Torres offered the opening meditation.
- The Sr. Warden thanked the vestry for a year of dedicated service.
- The vestry unanimously approved the 2026 budget, to be presented at the annual meeting.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Sacred Ground Group

Sacred Ground explores issues of Race and Faith – All are welcome! St. Mark's Sacred Ground Group is a continuation of a program developed by the National Episcopal Church to explore the intersection of race and faith. All are encouraged to join the journey this year as we increase our awareness and work to become agents of change in our church, our communities, and the world.

Lenten Series – Soup, Film & Discussion
Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 pm
St. Mark's Library
February 25, March 4, 11, & 18



Come for soup and bread and stay for the film and discussion! We'll watch the documentary "Separated" on February 25 and March 4. "Separated" shows the impact of Trump's family separation policy on migrant children.

On March 11 and 18, we will watch two of the six episodes of "Living Undocumented," which shows the stress put on families living in the US without documentation. Discussion will follow each film.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

The St. Mark's Forum

Fellowship and lifelong learning for adults and youth are the hallmarks of the St. Mark's Forum. Connect with your friends and make new friends, as we explore a variety of topics relating to the St. Mark's Vision—*Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Reaching Out into the World*.

No rsvp is required. Come when you are able or interested in the topic. Join in the learning and sharing of our community.

Feb 8 *Organizing for Our Community*

Kim Reed and Alice Plutko

Community organizing and participation in socially responsive groups can be key to implementing change and improving one's mental health. Kim Reed and Alice Plutko will briefly share how they got involved and will give a quick outline on how to get started.

Feb 15 *ChatGPT as a Spiritual Companion*

Bob Lundin

Parishioner Bob Lundin will discuss how conversations with ChatGPT and other AI platforms have deepened his spiritual life and supported his personal growth. He will reflect on AI's surprising spiritual fluency across traditions and offer brief demonstrations of its remarkable ability to engage in spiritual dialogue and to create thoughtful, meaningful prayers.

Feb 22 – March 8. *Paul Re-Viewed: A Fresh Look at the Apostle's Message of Inclusion, Justification and Faith*

Father George Smith

A 3-part series challenging common assumptions about St. Paul and his letters

Often seen as an historical figure, Paul's radical call to faith and freedom is profoundly relevant for the challenges of today. Over three Sundays, we'll unpack his core message, exploring themes of faith, identity, and community that still speak directly to our lives as followers of Jesus.

- **Feb 22** Beyond the Law: Understanding Paul's emphasis on radical grace.
- **March 1** Identity in Christ: What Paul teaches us about who we are and who we are called to be.
- **March 8** Community and Conflict: Applying Paul's vision for unity in a divided world.

For more information about the St. Mark's Forum, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

Start Your Day in Prayer – on Zoom

If you are looking for a simple and meaningful way to begin your mornings, join St. Mark's **Morning Prayer on Zoom** every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 8:30 am. Morning Prayer is a brief, 20-minute service of prayers and scripture that is available to you from the comfort of your own home. All are welcome!

- **When:** Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays at 8:30 am
- **Where:** Zoom (Meeting ID: **483 170 780**)
- **Questions:** Contact George Smith at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org | 630-858-1020, ext. 222

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!

The February Newsletter is in your email in-box and copies are available in the narthex.



The Sunday School Program Includes:

Nursery For infants through 3 years of age during all services (8:30 am, 10:30 am and 1 pm).

8:30 a.m. Godly Play Sunday School for ages 4 and older.

10:15 a.m. Sunday School is offered for ages 4 and older.

- 10:15 - Gather in Mahon Hall for a greeting, song and music.
- 10:30 - Classrooms for Pre K, K – 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th and 5th.
- 2nd half of Church service --Worship with parents with participation at the altar.

Volunteering:

Please sign-up to be a classroom volunteers (adults over 18) or a youth assistants (junior high/high school students). This is a fun, easy opportunity for EVERYONE to help the St. Mark's children grow in their faith! Volunteer to sign-up for ONE hour 4 times per year (though you are welcome to teach MORE than



4 times if you like!). Everything you need to lead the class will be clear and provided to you. Sign up using the QR code to the right.

Registering Your Children:



Registration is ongoing for children who will be attending Sunday School. Use this link, <https://tinyurl.com/3h7tm8h5> or the QR code to the left to register.

BIBLE STUDY

Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study! We are studying 1st Corinthians.

St. Mark's offers a Bible study led by Fr. George on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 am. We are at the beginning of 1st Corinthians.

The Zoom ID is: 483-170-780. This Bible study begins with people logging in between 9 am and 9:30 am. After check-ins and conversation, we pray at 9:30 am and then read and discuss a chapter of the text. Questions? Please contact Fr. George at 630-858-1020, ext. 222 or by email at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org.

ST. MARK'S ART EXHIBIT

St. Mark's Art Exhibit During Epiphany

During the season of Epiphany, a selection of icons and icon-inspired works from the St. Mark's permanent collection are on display in the sanctuary. Many of these pieces have been gifted to the church through the years and each is a spiritual and visual treasure. A guide to the exhibit is listed below and is also available in the narthex. For more information about the St. Mark's Art Committee, please contact Beth Treleven at beth@tre2creative.com.



St. Mark's Icon and Icon-Inspired Works:

- 1) Title: **Most Holy Theotokos Eleusa**; Depiction of the Virgin Mary with the Infant Jesus.
- 2) Title: **Altar of Duke Ratchis**; relief carving representing the Ascension of Christ; example of Lombardic sculpture, 737-744 CE.
- 3) Title: **Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus**; painting by Polish artist Zofia Stryjenska; gifted to St. Mark's by Marylu and Greg Osen.

4) Title: **Synaxis of the Holy Angels**; gifted to St. Mark's by the choir honoring Charles Snider 25 years as Choir Director.

5) Title: **Saint Mark, Evangelist**; hand gilded reproduction of an icon by Joseph Malham; a gift to St. Mark's by the Wes Hookham Memorial Fund.

6) Title: **Virgin and Child Hodegetria**; egg tempera, clay bole, gold leaf on wood panel; given to St. Mark's in memory of Bettie Martina Snider by her son Charles Snider. A Hodegetria (in Greek literally: "She who shows the Way), or Virgin Hodegetria, is an iconographic depiction of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary) holding the Child Jesus at her side while pointing to Him as the source of salvation for mankind.

7) Title: **Door To Paradise**; paint, textural paste, gold on wood panel, 2013 by artist Ludmila Pawlowska. A gift to St. Mark's from Gerald and Tanya Carey in memory of Tanya's sister, Nadia Lesinsky Goodman.

8) Title: **St. Mark the Evangelist**; original icon of St. Mark written in 2013 by Joseph Malham; commissioned by the Wes Hookham Memorial Fund.

9) Title: **The Flight into Egypt**; studio of the Coptic Icons, Cairo, Egypt; a gift to St. Mark's by Lynn and David Dornblaser.

10) Title: **Madonna of Humility**; written by Magdy William.

11) Title: **Our Lady of the Sign**; hand-carved wooden relief; gift to St. Mark's from The Rev. JoAnn Lagman.

12) Title: **Virgin Mary and the Christ Child**; painting by Polish artist Zofia Stryjenska; characteristic of the Polish Art Deco movement; gifted to St. Mark's by Marylu and Greg Osen.

13) Title: **The Light-Giver**; traditional Eastern Orthodox icon of Jesus Christ given in memory of Bertie Martin Snider by her son, Charles Snider.

14) Title: **Virgin Mary with Baby Jesus**; icon written by Mother Magdalena.

15) Title: **Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child**; hand-painted in Jerusalem; gift to St. Mark's from Thomas Smith, brother of George Smith.

16) Title: **Holy Family**; hand-painted in Bethlehem

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 in the prayers of the people, we are praying for the Mexican state of **Querétaro**.



- Capital: Santiago de Querétaro.
- Information: A state in north-central Mexico, Querétaro is known for its well-preserved historic center in its capital city, a thriving aerospace industry, and its beautiful wine and cheese region.

YOUTH NEWS

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Next Youth Night, Wednesday February 11, 2026
6 – 8:30 p. m. in Mahon Hall



Join in the **"Palentine's"** fun with games, fun, and food. We'll talk about the importance of friendship and God's love for us.
Bring your friends!!!

Remaining Spring 2026 Youth Night Dates

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| February 25 | March 25 | April 22 |
| March 11 | April 8 | May 6 |



Fri, March 13 Feed My Starving Children 4 - 8 pm

First United Methodist Church trip to Aurora location – Leave St. Mark's at 4 p.m. to arrive at the packing site in Aurora, share dinner at a nearby restaurant and return to Glen Ellyn by 8 p.m. RSVP to Joyce no later than March 4.

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

Need a Helping Hand with Meals?

If you or someone you know could use a few home-cooked meals—whether due to illness, recovery, a new baby, or another life event—St. Mark's is here to help. Through the *Meal Train* platform, our caring volunteers provide lovingly prepared meals delivered right to your door.

To request meals or learn more, please contact Kristina Roth and Jessie Commo at kroth1280@gmail.com or 773-383-1884.

St. Mark's Meals to Go

St. Mark's hosts a Meals to Go on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Meals will be available to pick up at St. Mark's at the Hillside entrance. Everyone is Welcome! The Winter / Spring 2026 Saturday dates for Meals to Go are:

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| February 7 & 21 | Marcy 7 & 21 | April 4 & 18 |
| May 2 & 16 | June 6 & 20 | |

St. Mark's Community Dinner

The St. Mark's Monthly Community Dinner is held on the 4th Thursdays of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in Mahon Hall. Everyone is Welcome!

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| February 26 | March 26 |
| April 23 | May 28 |

Questions? Please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com.

How to Support the Glen House Food Pantry

Please pick up a grocery bag from the shopping cart outside the St. Mark's library.



Glen House
Food Pantry

Top Picks for '26 TOP NEEDS

#MAKEHUNGERHISTORY



Ramen/
Macaroni & Cheese



Coffee & Tea



Mayonaise/Ketchup/
Mustard/Jarred Pickles
& Relish



Canned Spaghetti
& Sloppy Joe



Spices:
Garlic & Onion Powder



Crackers (Low Sodium)
& Cookies

You may drop off your donations to Glen House Food Pantry at 55 N. Park Blvd., or you may bring them to St. Mark's and put them in the shopping cart inside the front door, and we will make sure your donations get to the Food Pantry.

Call the Pantry at (630) 469-6988 if you need to arrange another drop off time. Any questions, please contact St. Mark's representative to the Food Pantry, Joyce Frawley, at (630) 476-5655.

Jazz Night is a Fundrasier for GEYFCS.
What is GEYFCS?

