

# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GLEN ELLYN



#### THE TWENTIETH-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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393 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137 Phone: 630-858-1020

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 (708) 205-0102
- The Rev. Dr. Clint Moore III clint@stmarksglenellyn.org (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."



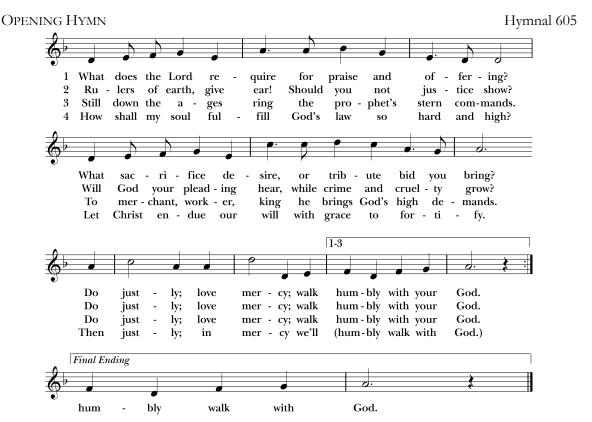
If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or ushers. You may also call the office at any time at 630-858-1020, and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

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#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

#### THE ENTRANCE RITE

Stand as able when the bell is rung



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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.** 



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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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 Isaiah 65:17-25

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain,

or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer.

while they are yet speaking I will hear.

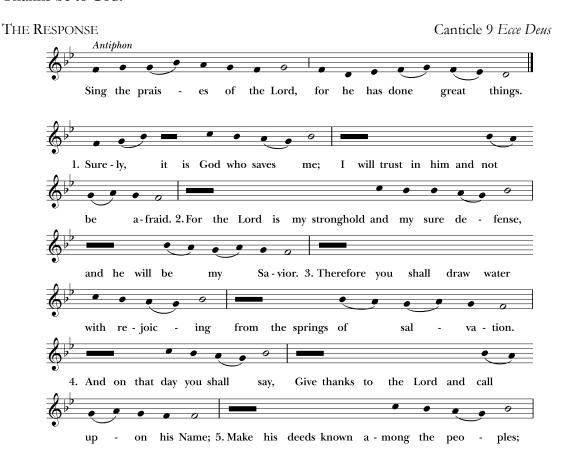
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

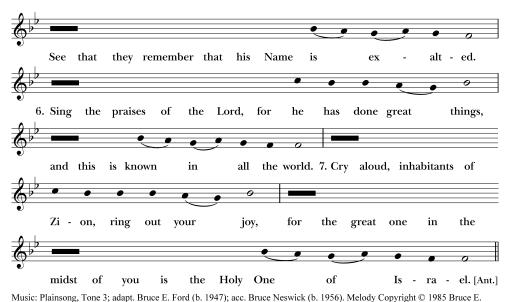
They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.





Ford.

THE EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from Paul's second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able for the Gospel

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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THE GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

Anne Windholz, Member of St. Mark's

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 LITANY OF HEALING

The Leader and People pray responsively

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being; We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured. We pray for those on our parish prayer list. You are invited to say aloud names from the list below or other names of those in need of prayer.

Karen Nicholson, Matt, Azza and Yara, Joyce Hetzel, Charles Snider, Ann Cardwell, Chad Alcorn, Martha Sexauer, Jay Mueller, Terry Heschke, Elizabeth Mueller, Colin Valdivia, Pam Benning, Bella Cuttone, Craig Farrow, Daniel Ljubi, Avery, Brian Rogers, George Pliml, Ashley and Kevin, Gretchen Kenower, Lynn Wollstadt, Kris Baier, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Mark Zelman, Rita Sullivan, Emily Resch, Virginia Vagt, Tim Frawley, Jack Clinkman, Mary Parsons, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, 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, Mike Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, McGilvray Family, Karol Pinzón, Sandy Shellenhamer, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Tina Ulrich, Juan Aguilar, Lucien Greesham, Cooper Stegen, Brenda Laws, Barbara Barajas, Cassandra Echeverria, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grieff, Rachel Newlin, Franca Muliere, Hannah Strait. Silvino Covarrubias, Danuta Wroblewska, Priscilla Meldrim, Tracy Smith, Mary Jane Malik, Jean True, Sally Neuert, John Cahill, Alondra De Casas, Kaleb Tompkins, Estrella Pedroza, Gwen, Shirley Hoops, Pam Rojc, Aunt Diane, Joseph Strati, June Judd, Jim Drew, Sergio Mazariegos, Stacey Vassallo, Zoila Via Gambini, Diane Arpino, Regina Casey, Alice Vanest, Barry Nelson, Victor Nieves, Higinio Camarillo, Da'Nae, Elizabeth Dresser, Jane Moore, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, and Karen Evans.

May they be made whole;

#### Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

#### Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

#### Hear us, O Lord of life.

We pray for those who have died and those we remember now silently or aloud. (People may add their own petitions.) Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints.

#### Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; this week we pray for the Mexican state of Hidalgo;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders;

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life;

Heal us, and make us whole.

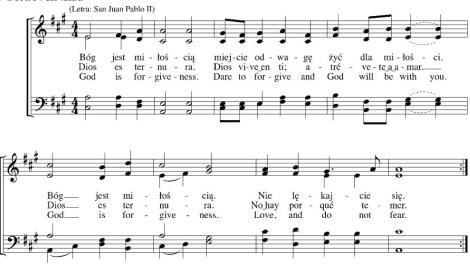
Let us pray.

Silence

Following the litany of healing, all are welcome to come to the altar rail for prayers, anointing with holy oil and the laying on of hands.

#### MUSIC DURING HEALING

#### GOD IS FORGIVENESS



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#### ABIDE WITH ME



Words: Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847). Music: Eventide, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

#### COME TO ME, O WEARY TRAVELER



- 1 "Come to me, O wea ry trav-eler; come to me with your dis-tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas y; do not fear, my bur-den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou-bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea-ry trav-eler; rest in me and do not fear.

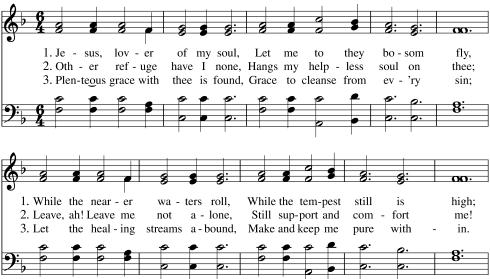


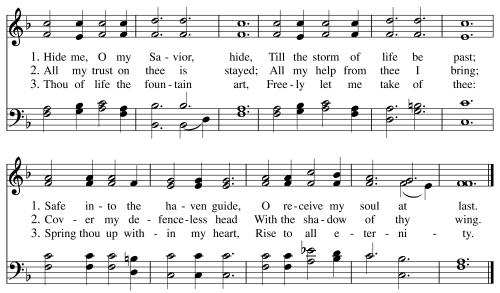
come to me, you heav-y bur-dened; come to me and find your rest." do not fear the path be-fore you; do not run from me in fright." Take my yoke, I am be-side you; take and learn hu-mil - i - ty." Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

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#### JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Charles Wesley and Simeon B. Marsh (1798-1875).

#### ADDITIONAL HYMN AS NEEDED

Hymnal 499 "Lord God, you now have set your servant free"

#### THE PEACE

Officiant People The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.





#### 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 <a href="https://www.stmarksglenellyn.org">www.stmarksglenellyn.org</a>, or by texting STMCHURCH to 73256.

#### THE LITURGY of THE TABLE

**OFFERTORY** 

God is Listening | Sunday School Song of the Month

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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

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

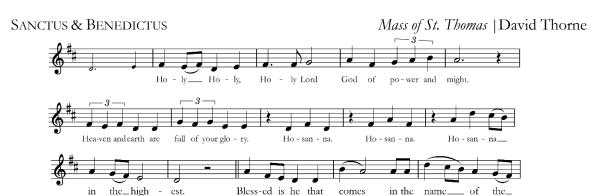
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:





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#### Please kneel or be seated

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. 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."

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.

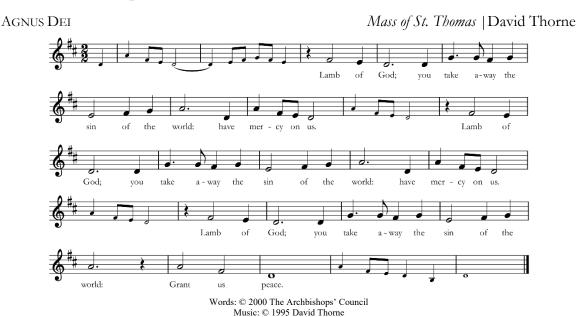
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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 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.

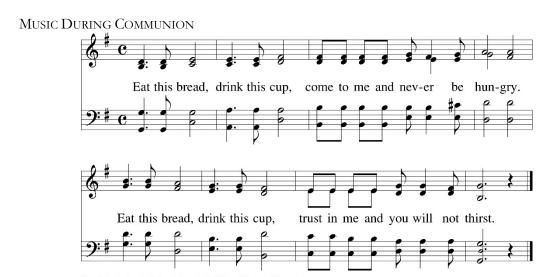


The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

# 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.



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#### HYMNAL 534 "God is Working his Purpose Out"





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### ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED Hymnal 309 "O Food to pilgrims given"

#### 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.

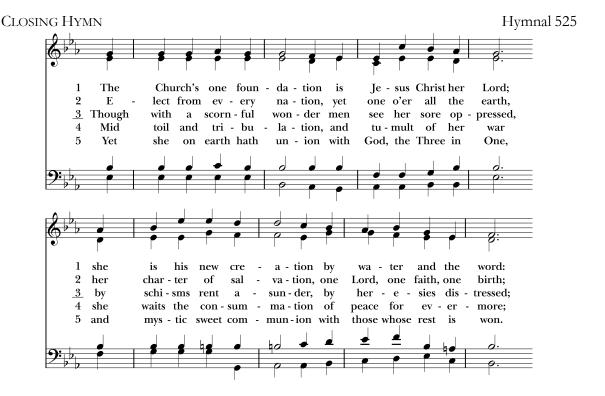
#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

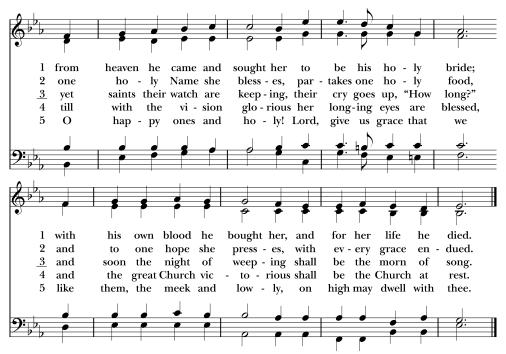
#### Let us pray.

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**.





Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All are welcome to Mahon Hall for coffee hour.



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#### Invitation to dedicate the Altar Flowers

The Sunday Altar Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one and for other special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries. The suggested donation is \$50. Please complete the "Altar Flowers" sign-up in the narthex and make your donation by check payable to St. Mark's or electronically using this QR code:

#### LOOKING AHEAD

Novem	ıber			
18	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting	
19	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	1	
20	Thursday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Community Dinner	
20	Thursday	7:00  pm - 8:00  pm	Trans Day of Remembrance Service	
25	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Sacred Ground Meeting	
27	Thursday	10:00 am − 11:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist	
December				
3	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist	
3	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Night	
6	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go	
7	Sunday	After 10:30 & 1pm	St. Nicholas Visit	
		services		
7	Sunday	6:00  pm - 7:30  pm	Advent Lessons & Carols (bilingual)	
14	Sunday	10:30 am & 1:00 pm	Christmas Pageant	
		services		
17	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist	
17	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Christmas & Cocoa Movie Night (Pre-K- 5th	
			graders)	
18	Thursday	6:00  pm - 7:30  pm	Community Dinner	
19	Friday	6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Friendsgiving (Youth)	

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### St. Mark's Member Anne Windholz is preaching this morning.



Anne was born in Utah and raised in Colorado. She earned her PhD in English from UIUC (where she met spouse Mark Van Wienen) and for twenty years worked as an English professor, first at Roanoke College in Virginia, then at Augustana (the Norwegian one!) in South Dakota and, locally, NIU. While raising three kids with Mark out in Sycamore, Anne transitioned into ministry, employed as a pianist for the Diocese of Rockford and attending Seminary at Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park. She earned her MDiv

in 2012. A Board Certified Chaplain, she has served at both hospital and hospice, including Central DuPage, Alexian Brothers, and Northwest Community. She has published numerous articles on chaplaincy and pastoral care, as well as two novels and a book of poetry. She and Mark were officially received into the Episcopal Church in 2021, where thy have found a wonderful home at St. Mark's.

**CHRISTMAS ELVES STILL NEEDED!** (Translation: sponsor a family to provide gifts and a food gift card to enhance their Christmas!) Be part of the decades-long tradition at St. Mark's to partner with ReVive Center for Housing and Healing to help families in need. Choose a family size based on your budget: plan to spend \$30-50 per person on new gifts plus \$25 per person on a Jewel gift card. Options: Gift cards instead of gifts are now OK and a single large gift for the family instead of individual gifts if that fits your situation best is also OK. **We still have one family of four and two families of five that need your support!** 

Sponsor on your own or partner with a friend or with a group. Email or call Sheila Plecha to request a family. Boxes with wrapped packages are due at church beginning Sunday, December 7th through Thursday, December 11. Questions? Please contact Sheila Plecha, splecha24@gmail.com or 248-202-7348. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Also, ReVive needs volunteers to help greet families and distribute Christmas Baskets at their Chicago location between the hours of 8:30 am and 1:30 pm, December 3rd through December 13th. ReVive's location is 1668 W Ogden Ave, Chicago, Illinois. If you are ready to help, make the holidays brighter, please register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/4cajw3f5">https://tinyurl.com/4cajw3f5</a> or call ReVive at 312-997-2222.

#### Do you Know or Volunteer with a Local Non-Profit Organization?

St. Mark's Outreach Committee is inviting local non-profits serving low-income or underserved populations in Glen Ellyn and DuPage County addressing basic needs of food and shelter, mental health, education, access to the arts or environmental issues to apply for a 2026 grant. Guidelines and application form are available on the website <a href="www.stmarksglenellyn.org">www.stmarksglenellyn.org</a>, under "Outreach". Deadline to apply is January 15th, 2026. If you have questions, please contact Hester Bury at <a href="https://example.com">hesterbury@gmail.com</a>.



# Advent Lessons & Carols December 7 6 pm

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Everyone is Invited to the Trans Day of Remembrance Service.

Please join the members of St. Mark's PrideLion, our LGBTQIA+ connection and interest group, as we honor those transgender individuals whose lives have been lost to violence in the past year on the occasion of the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance this Thursday, November 20th, starting at 7 PM. This will be a multifaith service in coordination with partner congregations to remember those we have lost and come together as God's family in celebration of all our diversity and uniqueness. All are welcome!



St. Mark's Pride Lion



#### Women's Ministry Christmas Ornament Exchange

Our most popular event of the year! Lots of fun and good cheer. Wednesday, December 3, 6:30 to 8:30 pm., St. Marks' Library.

Please bring a WRAPPED Christmas ornament (Please do not spend more than \$15.). We will draw numbers for choosing order. Each person chooses an ornament and then the person who unwraps next can keep that ornament, or "steal" the first person's ornament, and so forth. Please also bring an appetizer, drink or dessert to share. Hope to see many new and returning faces!

Questions? Contact Rita at women@stmarksglenellyn.org.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### Welcome to the Tuesday Bible Study!

St. Mark's offers a Bible study led by Fr. George on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 am. We will be reading Paul's letter to the Galatians starting November

**18.** Galatians is one of the earliest of the Christian scriptures, written approximately 35 years after Jesus was crucified. It was also written before the Gospels and serves as a window into the life of the early Christian movement and its struggles and questions. What is the true Gospel? Do you need to be Jewish to be a follower of Jesus? What is the law of Christ? Explore how Paul addresses these issues and more.

**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 <a href="mailto:rector@stmarksglenellyn.org">rector@stmarksglenellyn.org</a>.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### Welcome to St. Mark's Sunday School!

#### The 2025 – 2026 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:



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

If you have any questions please contact Gina Wood, Director of Children's Ministry, at <a href="mailto:childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org">childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org</a>

#### Mark Your Calendar:

For all children ages Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade – a special movie night at St. Mark's on Wednesday, December 17 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the library. We will be getting ready for Christmas with cocoa, treats, and a Christmas movie. Pajamas optional!



#### ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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



#### **Fall Adult Formation**

Fellowship and lifelong learning are the hallmarks of Adult Formation at St. Mark's. 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 commitment or rsvp is required. Come when you are able or interested in the topic. Join in the community learning and sharing at Adult Formation!

# Nov 16 Beyond St. Mark's, Part II: The Diocese of Chicago Father George Smith Our Strategic Plan in Process

St. Mark's is part of The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago whose geography stretches from Peoria to Galena and includes 114 congregations and ministries. We will discuss the strategic plan that is being formulated under the leadership of our Bishop, Paula Clark, and next steps in this important work to strengthen our Episcopal witness in Northern Illinois.

#### Nov 23 A Christian's Journey Through Hinduism

**Bob Lundin** 

Learn how one St. Mark's parishioner found that an exploration of Hinduism enriched his Christian faith. Sharing his experiences at two Chicago-area Hindu temples, Bob Lundin will talk about how experiences were spiritually enriching, deepening his understanding of Godcenteredness.

# Nov 30 The Ghost in the Machine – Artificial Intelligence? Jamie Hommowun It is a defining feature of the decade that "AI" is becoming a central feature of many aspects of work, play and creative endeavor. Are we ready for a "true" artificial intelligence? Join Dr. Jamie Hommowun, PsyD, as we consider these questions and more in the "Advent of AI."

# Dec 7 Paging Dr. Sbaitso: AI as Counselors? Jamie Hommowun In the early 90s, Dr. Sbaitso, the "Sound Blaster Acting Intelligent Text-to-Speech Operator," was an interactive "therapist" that was a party game of reading your thoughts and providing advice. While it seemed far-fetched at the time, we now see AI "counselors" providing relationship, emotional and even spiritual advice. Explore how these tools are shaping people, and how we can respond in love.

#### St. Mark's Sacred Ground Program: Exploring 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.

#### Tuesday, Nov 25 Monthly Meeting

Library and Zoom 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Immigration Issues Update with Sara Dady

Sara Dady has been practicing family-based immigration including visas for victims of domestic violence and other crimes, asylum as well as deportation defense for over 17 years.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

#### YOUTH NEWS





Celebrate Friendsgiving with friends from St. Mark's, First Congregation Church of Glen Ellyn, and First United Methodist Church. And bring your friends from school and your neighborhood! Join for a festive dinner, fun games, and an opportunity to talk about gratitude and faith.

Wednesday, November 19 St. Mark's Mahon Hall 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

"The Collective" is Glen Ellyn churches coming together to give 6th — 12th graders a place to grow through faith, friendship, and fun.

#### Upcoming events from The Collective:

Dec 13-14 - Junior High Christmas Lock-in (5 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday morning)

Dec 20-21 - Senior High Christmas Lock-in (5 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday morning)

St. Mark's Fall Youth Nights - November 19 and December 3

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

#### OUTREACH

#### Volunteer at Northern Illinois Food Bank

We still have openings for volunteers at the Food Bank on Saturday December 20th 9 - 12 - 10 spots

Please sign up here if interested: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9">https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9</a>. Questions? Contact Hester at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2z6zazk9">hesterbury@gmail.com</a>.

#### ST. MARK'S PRAYERS FOR THE STATES OF MEXICO

#### 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 **Hidalgo** 

- Capital: Pachuca de Soto
- Information: A state in central Mexico, Hidalgo is known for its mountainous terrain, historic mining towns, and the ancient Toltec ruins of Tula.



#### VESTRY UPDATE

#### October 21 Vestry Meeting Highlights

- The finance committee is making plans for the payoff of our building mortgage next summer, using funds raised as part of the Grow & Renew capital campaign
- The 2026 Pledge Campaign is under way, and all vestry members have the goal of pledging by Nov. 9
- The vestry reviewed a recent survey of their engagement and perceptions of their service. One outcome is the decision to more actively share, through the bulletin, some highlights from each month's meeting.
- The next vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 pm in the St. Mark's library.

Questions? Please contact Liam Dunch, Vestry Clerk, at <a href="mailto:lsdunch@earthlink.net">lsdunch@earthlink.net</a>.

#### 2026 Giving Campaign



Do you remember your first door into St. Mark's?

Making your pledge is easy! You can choose any of the following methods:

- Email treasurer@stmarksglenellyn.org and simply state your name, annual 1. pledge, and how you will make your donation (online, check, automatic deduction from checking account or credit/debit card).
- 2. Pledge via the St. Mark's website https://onrealm.org/stmarksglenellyn/AddPledge/2026pledge Or use this QR code to take you to the online form.
- Complete the Pledge Form below and place it in the offering plate 3. or bring it to church for the ingathering on Sunday, November 9, 2025.







#### St. Mark's Annual Giving Campaign 2026 Opening the doors to St. Mark's

	Name:		
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Please have St. Mark's book	keeper contact me to set-up automatic p	ayments	
Signature:		Date:	



#### Support the Glen House Food Pantry

Due to the federal shutdown and suspension of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), many families are facing increased food insecurity. With federal employees furloughed or unpaid, the demand on food pantries has surged, and Glen House Food Pantry is seeing a significant rise in familiesneeding basic food supplies.

#### How You Can Help

Your donations, both food and financial, make areal difference.

Donate Non-perishable Food:

Drop off items at St Mark's or Glen House Food Pantry
At St. Mark's, place donations in the shopping cart in the hallway
between the library and the narthex
Please label donations as part of "St. Mark's Food Drive"
Make a Monetary Donation:
Checks payable to Glen House Food Pantry

Note "From St. Mark's" in memo line Drop off at St. Mark's, put in church collections, or drop at Glen House Online donations:

Visit St. Mark's website and select Food Pantry Fund

#### Top Needs

Canned Pasta & Ravioli, Canned Tuna & Chicken, Chicken Noodle Soup (Low Sodium, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Chili & Sloppy Joe, Bagged Flavored Rice or Noodles

Together, we can help our neighbors through this challenging time.

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Contact Joyce Frawley at jfrawley260@gmail.com.

To donate, please use the QR code to the right and scroll down to Glen House Food Pantry.





















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The deadline for announcements is Tuesday at 9:00 am. Please submit to communications@stmarksglenellyn.org. Thank you!