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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

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.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.

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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 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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymnal 400



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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 IN EXCELSIS

Mass of St. Thomas

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks we

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the

high - est.

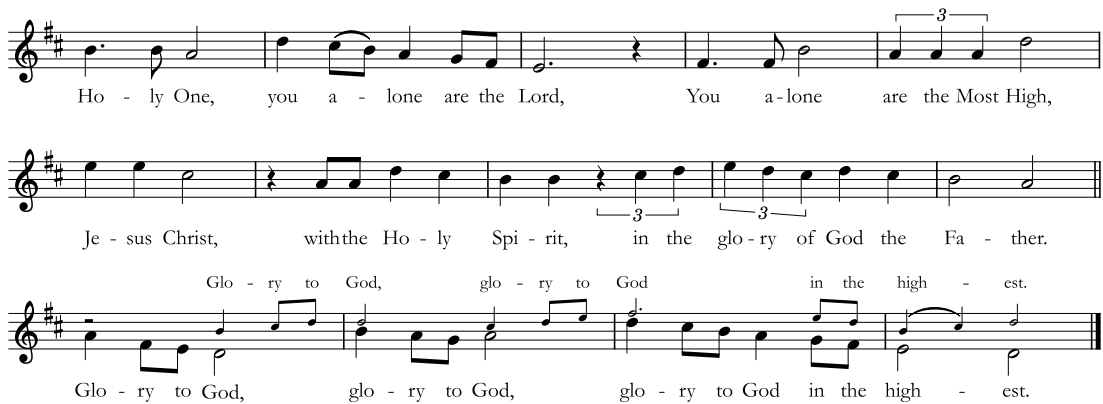
high - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, On - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est. For you a - lone are the



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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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 119:33-40

The congregation sings verses in bold.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your /statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the /end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your /law; *
I shall keep it with all my /heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your com/mandments, *
for that is my de/sire.

36 Incline my heart to your de/crees *
and not to unjust /gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is /worthless; *
give me life in your /ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your /servant, *
which you make to those who /fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I /dread, *
because your judgments are /good.

40 Behold, I long for your com/mandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my /life.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Clergy
People

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two

of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

Leah Ostwald

THE NICENE CREED

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

The Leader and People pray responsively.

God of Wisdom and Wonder, all creation is the outpouring of your generous love,
Teach us to love you with our whole heart and soul and mind.

We give thanks for the birth of Sean Horvath to parents Tara and Tyler and brother Ben; Guide us to discover your image in every human being,

That we may recognize every person in the world as our neighbor, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

We pray that all preachers and teachers of your Word may faithfully communicate your love to the world,

And that we may all be lifelong disciples, growing in understanding and service.

We pray for all the peoples of the world and all who govern and hold authority,

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for awareness and appreciation of Indigenous peoples past and present, who for thousands of years lived, hunted, grew food, played, worshipped, and were buried on the land upon which we now worship and live. Here in this congregation we acknowledge that we are on the sacred ground of the Council of the Three Fires,

May there be wisdom, healing, and reconciliation.

We pray for the people of Palestine, the occupied land upon which you were born, who suffer genocide and ethnic cleansing,

May the land of your Incarnation reflect your desire for all people throughout the world to live with and for, not over and against,

Vast and immeasurable God, each of us reflects only a fraction of the diverse humanity which you created good. Help us to put an end to racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, ableism, and every way that we otherize and dehumanize,

Grant us the wisdom, patience, and courage to embrace one another in our differences, remembering that no one is outside of your all-encompassing embrace.

Merciful God, help us unlearn the ways of violence that harm your children and destroy the earth you have entrusted to our stewardship,

That we may beat our swords into plowshares and study war no more.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially Alice Vanest,

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, whom we name now silently or aloud.

Karen Nicholson, Matt, Azza and Yara, Joyce Hetzel, 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, Bill Van Wienen, Caroline Barclay, Connie Blair, Emily Resch, Tim Frawley, Jack Clinkman, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, John Mueller, Kara Ward, Don Wink, Lee and Natalie, Laura Bird, Karen Galligan, Sue Mylander, Janet, Sylvie Resch, Donna Valkuchak, Michael Wagoner, Lesa Bennett, Norman and Joy Ellsworth, Maribel Juarez, Brian Winkleman, Tom Mendralla, Kevin, May Anstee, Mark Finn, Lori Powers, Kristen Davia, Jim Roth, Jan Budzicz, Jim Yehling, Raúl Garcia, Karol Pinzón, Kelly Bartsdate, Jason Wilder, Walt Windholz, Mick McGuire, Barbara Barajas, Thomas Lanzillo, Florrie Gramm, Matt Grief, Rachel Newlin, Danuta Wroblewska, Priscilla Meldrim, Tracy Smith, Mary Jane Malik, Alondra De Casas, Kaleb Tompkins, Estrella Pedroza, Gwen, Shirley Hoops, Pam Rojc, Aunt Diane, Joseph Strati, Zoila Via Gambini, Higinio Camarillo, Mallory Warman, Vicki Sheridan, David Roberts, Karen Evans, Shelley Hoffman, Mike McGrath, Shirley Shafer, Anne Shafer, Chris Kulawik, Jenn McFadden, Miguel Aguilar, Martha Torres, Tara Schoen, Carlos Ramirez, Anthony DeBorde, Nina Sol Del Angel, Frank Steele, Benjamin Burke, Karen Sahr, Nate Treleven and family, Mila Helene Eden, Zita Limeta Alejo, Yael Mijangos Limeta, George Powell, Ellen Mandel, Tony Kaye, Margaret Nolan, Katie Wood, Micah Yale, Ben Luna, Sue Peters, John Knepper, Katie Abernathy, Katie Valkuchak, Marilyn Stein, Tommy Kotsakis, John Goddard, Juan, Don and Jackie Jones, Jake Smith, Patrick Kelly, Davia Family, Jessica Budziak, Kathryn Lad, and Greg Mongolis.

The St. Mark's prayer list is continuously updated. Each person on the list is prayed for daily by members of the St. Mark's Prayer Provider Ministry. If you would like to add a name to this list, have an update for a person on the list or would like to know more about the Prayer Providers, please contact Carolyn Faivre at carolyn@drfaivre.com.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or be seated

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

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 www.stmarksglenellyn.org, or by texting STMCHURCH to 73256.

THE LITURGY *of* THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Taste and See | *John Goss*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is,
blessed is the man that trusted in Him.
O fear the Lord, ye that are His saints,
for they that fear Him lack nothing.

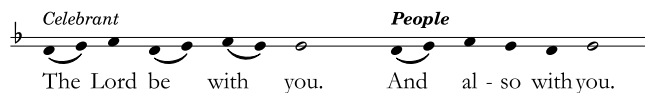
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger,
but they who seek the Lord
shall want no manner of thing that is good

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B



Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

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 every-where 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Mass of St Thomas | David Thorne

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of po - wer and might.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please kneel or be seated.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be

incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en
tentación y libranos 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.

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

AGNUS DEI

Mass of St Thomas | *David Thorne*

Lamb of God; you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God; you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God. Lamb of
Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the
God.
world: Grant us peace.

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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

(spí - ri-tum)

In ma - nus tu - as, Pa - ter, com-mén - do spí - ri-tum
In - to your hands, O Fa - ther, I now com - mend my
 Oh Pa-dre, en - tre tus ma - nos mi es - pí - ri - tu en -

me - um. In ma - nus tu - as, Pa - ter, com -
spir - it. In - to your hands, O Fa - ther, I
 tre - go. Oh Pa-dre, en - tre tus ma - nos mi es -

mén - do spí - ri - tum me - um. In
now com - mend my spir - it. In -
 pí - ri - tu en - tre - go. Oh

Last time

Text: Psalm 31:6, Luke 23:46; Taizé Community
 Tune: Taizé Community
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Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

Hymnal 479

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find,
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 Oft as earth ex - ult - ing wafts its praise on high,
 5 Lift ye then your voic - es; swell the might - y flood;

1 poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!
 2 blest be his com - pas - sion in - fi - nite - ly kind!
 3 which from sin and sor - row doth the world re - deem!
 4 an - gel hosts, re - joic - ing, make their glad re - ply.
 5 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood.

Words: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. Music: *Wem in Leidenstagen*, Friedrich Filitz (1804-1860).

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 321: My God, thy table now is spread

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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 703

Unison or harmony

1 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace;
 2 Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right;
 3 Lead us, O Fa - ther, to thy heaven - ly rest,

with - out thy guid - ing hand we go a - stray,
 blind - ly we stum - ble when we walk a - lone,
 how - ev - er rough and steep thy path may be;

and doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in - crease;
 in - volved in sha - dows of a dark - some night;
 through joy or sor - row, as thou deem - est best,

lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.
 on - ly with thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.
 un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in thee.

Words: William Henry Burleigh (1812-1871), alt. Music: *Song 22*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

All are welcome to the Mahon Hall for coffee hour.

*This week's altar flowers are given in memory of
John Cosgrove
father of Elizabeth Diver.*



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 or email the front desk at frontdesk@stmarksglenellyn.org and make your donation by check payable to St. Mark’s or electronically using this QR code (select



“Altar Flowers

We welcome guest preacher Leah Ostwald to St. Mark’s today.



Leah Ostwald is part-time chaplain for Advocate Health at Good Samaritan Hospital, Downers Grove and Children’s Hospitals in Park Ridge and Oak Lawn. She weaves faith into public ministries and local parishes through preaching, pastoral care, and social justice initiatives throughout northern Illinois looking forward to joining Creo Dupage as volunteer. Leah has served as Minister of Children and Youth Formation at Grace Episcopal Church in Hinsdale, and as family ministries staff at Hinsdale United Methodist Church. She holds a Master of Divinity from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and studied music at North Central College, B.A. and University of Wisconsin, M.M. Leah hails from

the small rural community of Momence, Illinois and currently lives in Lombard with her spouse and daughter.

LOOKING AHEAD

September

14	Mon	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Sacred Ground, Feature Documentary
16	Wed	12:00 Noon	Midweek Eucharist
16	Wed	9:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Life Line Screening
18	Fri	2:00 p.m.	Mum Sale Begins
19	Sat	5 p.m.	Mexican Independence Day Celebration
19	Sat	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Meals to Go
24	Thurs	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Community Dinner/Italian Theme
26	Sat	3:00 p.m.	Music, Mind, & Resilience Concert
27	Sun	6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Narthex Update: September 6

We are all eagerly anticipating the new design and accessibility retrofitting of St. Mark's narthex. Many of you have asked: When will the construction get underway? We hope this answers some questions.

Our permitting process is almost complete. After a bidding process, we have chosen CoreBuilt Contracting (www.core-built.com) as our general contractor. We asked them to rebid to lower the price, which they did. We are now finalizing the rebid. Once the contract is signed, we will move quickly to the construction stage. We now expect the work to start in early October and end in early December. For more information, please contact David Dornblaser: (630) 215-7999 voicemail or text or at dornblaser@me.com.

Mums Are Coming September 18!

The mum sale starts Friday, Sept. 18 and lasts until we are sold out. Once again, they will be \$12 each—the best deal in town!

If you can help unload, use the **pink QR code**.

If you can help with weekend sales, use the **green QR code**.

Proceeds will benefit Glen House Food Pantry and Glen Ellyn Walk in Ministry. Any questions, contact Hester Bury, Outreach Chair hesterbury@gmail.com.





Maria Torres Joins the St. Mark's Staff: Meet the New Associate for Hispanic Ministries

Long-time member of St. Mark's community, Maria Torres brings a wealth of event planning experience to her new role. If you've ever attended one of the amazing Hispanic community events here at St. Mark's, Maria is a big reason they were so meaningful and such a big success.

As Associate for Hispanic Ministries, Maria will oversee the Sunday afternoon Children's Ministry programming for children in grades 2nd through 5th and their preparation for First Communion. Maria will also coordinate special events such as the Celebration of the Virgin of Guadalupe (December 11) and the annual Kermés fundraiser (August).

Altar Ministry Training: Thursday, September 10 at 7 p.m.

St. Mark's Altar is always ready when you come to service—but have you ever wondered how? The Altar Ministry team is a simple yet meaningful way to serve God when your time is limited. Altar Ministry involves preparing the altar for worship service, including setting up and cleaning up.



You can help prepare the altar on Saturdays and/or between Sunday services. Scheduling is flexible. It's a great service opportunity for men, women, and couples. Time commitment is about 15 to 30 minutes. If you want to serve quietly and faithfully, this is a beautiful place to begin. Please join Father George on Thursday, September 10 at 7 p.m. for a 30-minute informational and instructional overview of the Altar.

Questions? For more information, contact the head of Altar Ministry, Chris Warman at Christine.a.warman@gmail.com

¡VIVA MÉXICO!
MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
Celebration!

SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 5:00PM
ST MARKS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 393 N. MAIN STREET GLEN ELLYN

MARGARITAS
STEAK TACOS
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POZOLE
BUÑUELOS
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Music, Mind, and Resilience

*A Concert of Great Composers Who
Struggled with Mental Illness*

September 26, 2026 | 3:00 p.m.

Free of Charge

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Mahon Hall

393 North Main Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Experience a captivating program of works by Robert Schumann, Béla Bartók, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms and Maurice Ravel, performed by violinist Yang Liu and pianist Olivia Tsai.



Yang & Olivia

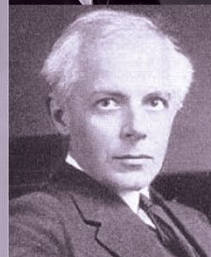
Winners of the 2023 American Prize, the 2022 Medici International Competition, and multiple prestigious awards, Yang & Olivia are an internationally recognized violin-piano duo known for virtuosic artistry. Violinist Yang Liu is a prizewinner of the Twelfth International Tchaikovsky Competition.

Sponsored by the Awakenings Project

Special thanks to JCS Arts, Health, and Education Fund

This program is partially supported by a grant from The Illinois Arts Council Agency and the Yang and Olivia Arts Foundation.

For details on the program, visit awakeningsproject.org



Life Line Screening at St. Mark's
Wednesday, September 16
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



St. Mark's will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on Wednesday, September 16. Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all St. Mark's members. The screening helps identify your risk level for the following diseases:

1. Carotid Artery Disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

Go to www.llsa.social/habc or call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment!
A simple screening can be worth a lifetime.

The poster for the Community Dinner Italian Style event features a light beige background with illustrations of various Italian dishes. At the top left are several red cherry tomatoes. In the top center are some penne pasta pieces. At the top right is a stack of sliced tomatoes with green herbs. In the bottom left is a plate of spaghetti topped with a red meat sauce and green herbs. On the right side is a cartoon illustration of a woman with brown hair, wearing a red off-the-shoulder dress and a gold necklace, with her hands clasped in front of her chest as if singing or speaking. The text is centered and reads: "COMMUNITY DINNER" in large, bold, brown capital letters, followed by "ITALIAN STYLE" in the same font. Below this, a green rounded rectangle contains the text "Thursday, September 24" and "6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m." in white. Underneath the green box, it says "Featuring Italian opera favorites by St. Mark's own, Emily Birsan" in brown, and "All Are Welcome!" in green at the bottom.

COMMUNITY DINNER
ITALIAN STYLE

Thursday, September 24
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Italian opera favorites by
St. Mark's own, Emily Birsan

All Are Welcome!

Education for Ministry (EFM) Starts in October

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a distance-learning program in theological education offered by the University of the South School of Theology. It's a unique program that uses small group study and theological reflection to help participants understand their faith and their call to ministry. EfM focuses on equipping lay people to engage in ministry in their everyday lives, both at home and in their churches.



On August 23, Abraham van Kempen (pictured here, middle in the suit) received his EfM diploma at the 10:30 a.m. service. Van Kempen is Dutch and has houses in Amsterdam, Macedonia, and Florida. He joined the EfM program via Zoom and got up in the middle of the night to do so.

St. Mark's offers both a four-year EfM program and a one-year overview. The new program year starts in October. You can learn more about EfM at <https://theology.sewanee.edu> or the QR code here. Interested or have questions? Contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@mc.com.



Start Your Day with Morning 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 a.m. 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 a.m.
- Where: Zoom (Meeting ID: 483 170 780)

Questions: Contact George Smith at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org | 630-858-1020, ext. 222



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

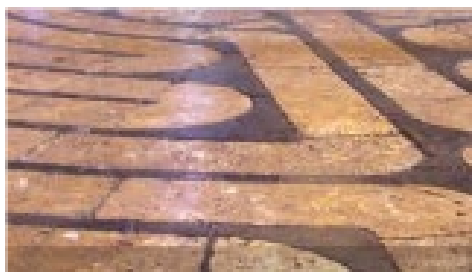
6:30 – 9 P.M.

MAHON HALL

**Register using QR Code.
Registration is appreciated but
not required.**



After graduating from journalism school, Nick Beaulieu returns to his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska to document its surging racial justice movement while seeking to reconnect with his staunchly pro-Trump father Randy—a task made more urgent when Randy is unexpectedly diagnosed with stage-4 cancer.



Sacred Ground

St. Mark's Social Justice Group

St. Mark's Sacred Ground Group explores issues of Race, Justice, and Faith. Sacred Ground 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. All are welcome!

Monday, Sept. 14

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Mahon Hall

My Omaha (documentary)

In this 2025 documentary, filmmaker Nick Beaulieu explores the racial conflict in his hometown of Omaha while attempting to reconcile with his terminally ill father. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, Sept. 20

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Library

Nick Beaulieu Interview

Join a Zoom interview with Nick Beaulieu, the filmmaker of *My Omaha*.

Saturday, Oct. 3

6:00 p.m.

Mahon Hall

***Singing Back the Buffalo* (documentary)**

McKee House presents a viewing of *Singing Back the Buffalo*, a documentary exploring the interconnectedness of the buffalo and humanity, and how the return of the buffalo to the Great Plains can usher in a new era of sustainability and balance. Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

The St. Mark's Sunday Forum

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

In the Library & on Zoom (483-170-780)



Fellowship and lifelong learning are the hallmarks of St.

Mark's Forum. Connect with your friends and make new friends as we explore a variety of topics related to St. Mark's Vision: Rooted in Baptism, Growing in Faith, Reaching Out into the World.

No commitment or RSVP required. Come when you are able or are interested in the topic. Join in the community learning and sharing at St. Mark's Forum.

Sept. 13

***Healing Trauma: Body, Mind, and Spirit*
LPC**

Mike Langer, MDiv, MEd,

As a former pastor and current spiritual director and therapist specializing in complex trauma and dissociative disorders, Mike will share his journey from trauma survivor to trauma therapist and facilitate a discussion about how trauma works and how healing from it is possible.

Sept. 20

Introducing Ezra and Nehemiah

Rabbi Steven Bob

The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell the story of the return to Jerusalem from the exile in ancient Babylonia. These books describe the moment that text-based religion began. Steven M. Bob was Senior Rabbi of Congregation Etz Chaim in Lombard, IL for 35 years. He serves as a guest faculty member at Wheaton College and as an instructor at the Hebrew Seminary for the Hearing and the Deaf. His newest book is *When Judaism Began: Exploring the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah* (2026). He is also the author of *Go to Nineveh* (2013) and *Jonah and the Meaning of Our Lives* (2016)

Sept 27

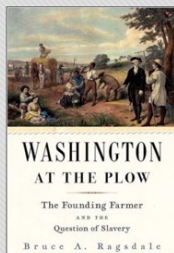
***How the Pumpkin Patch Saves Lives* Presentation from DuPage Pads**

It has been 20 years since St. Mark's set up our now well-known Pumpkin Patch donating all proceeds to DuPage Pads. Their staff will share inspiring stories about how these donations over the years have saved lives.

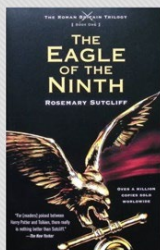
For more information, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

St. Mark's Book Club: 4th Sunday of Each Month

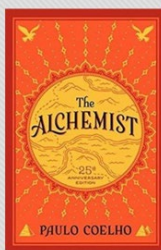
For questions or to get the
Zoom address, contact John
Zelman jzelman86@gmail.com.



Sun, 9/27



Sun, 10/25



Sun, 11/22

Join the 3 p.m. Sun. book club on Zoom

Looking for Spiritual Direction?

Are you interested in being more intentional about noticing God's presence and action in your everyday life? Do you wonder about God's purpose for you or the 'meaning of it all'? These are some of the reasons people have found spiritual direction helpful.

For more information contact Tammy Minuti tammyminuti@gmail.com or Vicki Fink ybfink@gmail.com A brochure about the Spiritual Direction Ministry at St. Mark's can be found on the table in the narthex.



YOUTH NEWS

“Voyage” Begins on September 16:

All students in 6th – 12th grade are invited to be part of St. Mark’s exciting new Youth Night program, called **Voyage!**



This fall we will partner with the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn (FCCGE) for weekly Wednesday night meetings.

Our kick-off gatherings will be **September 16 at FCCGE** and **September 23 at St. Mark’s**.

Together we will...

Look Inward. Reach Outward. Journey Forward.



Confirmation 2026-2027

If you have a young person in your household entering 8th grade or above, please attend for a Confirmation Orientation and Information evening on **Wednesday, September 9 from 7 – 8 p.m.** in the St. Mark’s Library.

Please let Joyce Fletcher know if your student wishes to participate or if you haven’t received information about confirmation.

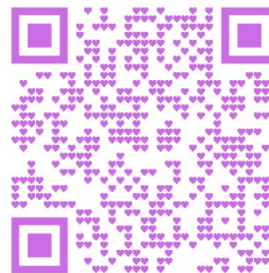
For more information, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Sign Up to be a Sunday School Team Member: We Need Your Help!

All St. Mark’s members are invited to be a classroom leader or helper. We supply all the materials. We couldn’t provide our great programming for our children without your help.

Use this QR code to volunteer for September and October Sunday School dates. After some difficulties with Realm, we have switched back to SignUp.com. Parents should receive an email with the correct URL link as well. Please look for that in your inbox. If you’ve signed up before, please sign up again. We apologize for any frustration or confusion this has caused. Thank you!



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 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our current study is Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATES

Support the Glen House Food Pantry

You may drop off donations to Glen House Food Pantry at 55 N. Park Blvd. or bring them to St. Mark's. Please place donations in the shopping cart in the library hallway, and we will make sure your donations get to the Food Pantry. Please mark "St. Mark's" on bags dropped off at St. Mark's and at the Pantry. If the bags are not marked, please tell people at the Pantry that it is from St. Mark's so they can weigh it. This helps us track our donations. Thank you!

September is Hunger Action Month. Top needs: Canned chicken, vegetables, and kidney beans; canned peaches in natural juice; jarred pasta sauces, juice boxes (low-sugar), low-sodium crackers.

Any questions, please contact Liliana Mazariegos, St. Mark's representative to the Food Pantry, at lmaz_811@yahoo.com.

Meals to Go: Saturday, Sept. 13, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

St. Mark's hosts a Meals to Go on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. to help those who are food insecure. Meals are made from scratch and will be available to pick up at St. Mark's Hillside entrance. Everyone is Welcome!

Meals to Go is a St. Mark's ministry relying on volunteers and food donors. We use SignUp Genius for people to volunteer. To sign up to be a volunteer or food donor, please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com or (630) 215-7999 (voice or text).



CREO DuPage

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REACHING THE "IMPOSSIBLE"

CREO DuPage: Recruiting Academic Coaches for College-Bound High School Students

CREO began as a ministry of St. Mark's in 2019. We provide opportunities for local community members to mentor and tutor high school students who would be the first in their families to earn a degree. Our approach is family-centered and provides support to students from Spanish-speaking families -several of whom are from St. Mark's.

Our process includes weekly activities designed to foster a trusting, honest relationship while giving students space to explore their interests and receive support for college planning and career goals. Mentors meet with students over Zoom on a consistent day and time each week. We provide training and support, and see community building as a priority.

If you are interested in learning more, visit our website at www.creodupage.org and complete an interest form. We invite you to our Mexican Wine Tasting & Scholarship Fundraiser on September 10 (details on the next page). Questions? Contact Krista Suzuki at krista.suzuki@creodupage.org



Mexican Wine Tasting & Scholarship Fundraiser

NON-ALCOHOLIC WINES ALSO
AVAILABLE FOR 21 & UNDER

September 10 | 6:00-8:00 PM
Cabernet & Co
434 N Main St, Glen Ellyn



Join us for a volunteer community-building
event -tasting of wines from Mexico &
alcohol-free wines

Reserve Your Ticket
& Donate to our
Scholarship Fund



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The deadline for announcements is Tuesday at 9:00 am.

Please submit to Rita Colorito at communications@stmarksglenellyn.org. Thank you!

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