



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.

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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 as the bell is rung

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal 477



1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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

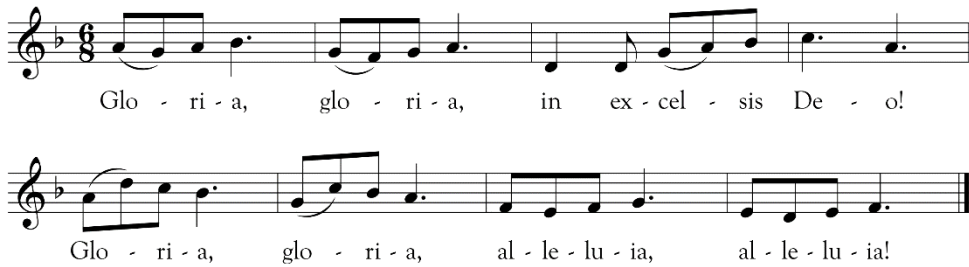
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

GLORIA

The Gloria is sung in a round



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

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

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 2:4-13

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"

Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,

says the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 81:1,10-16

Sung by the congregation



- 1 Sing with joy to God our /strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of /Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and /said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will /fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my /voice, *
and Israel would not o/bey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their /hearts, *
to follow their own de/vices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would /listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my /ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their /enemies *
and turn my hand against their /foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe be/fore him, *
and their punishment would last for /ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest /wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the /rock.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 14:1,7-14

Deacon
People

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may

invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

Dr. Jamie Hommowun, *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 PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Mother, Father, Heavenly Parent, we pray for the Church Universal, our Spiritual Family;
That we all may be one.

Grant that each of your children may faithfully and humbly serve you with acts of loving kindness toward all creation;
That all people may rejoice in your Name.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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 this beautiful, vulnerable world you have given us as a home. We confess that we have not been faithful stewards of the land, air, and water you have entrusted to our care. Grant us the will and wisdom to nurture this planet back to health and care for it with due reverence, that it may be home to countless generations to come.

In your tender mercy, make us tender and merciful to this planet and all who call it home.

We pray that you open our eyes, hearts, and hands to those in poverty, who are near and throughout the world. Help us to recognize what we can give, and grant us the humility to receive the gifts of others in true gratitude. Shatter the illusion of scarcity and teach us to share in the abundance of your creation.

In your generosity, make us generous.

We pray for an end to all war, brutality, cruelty, and dehumanization. Let your loving compassion and forgiveness penetrate our hearts and open our eyes so that we finally recognize our adversaries as neighbors and our enemies as friends.

Bless us with forgiveness and compassion, that we may be forgiving and compassionate toward one another.

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;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others. You are invited to say aloud names on the parish prayer list or other names of those in need of prayer.

Karen Nicholson, Kay Ververka, 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, Tom Gramm, Jack Clinkman, Mary Parsons, Kaye and Roy Staggs, Em, Mike Bennett, 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, Linda Roehn, 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, Andy Boltz, Ben, 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 Griefff, Rachel Newlin, Franca Muliere, Hanna 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, Gerry Neuhas, Sergio Mazariegos, Pam Rojc, Diane, Sergio Mazariegos, Ninfa Mendez Garcia.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or be seated

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

The Officiant says

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

THE PEACE

Officiant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.



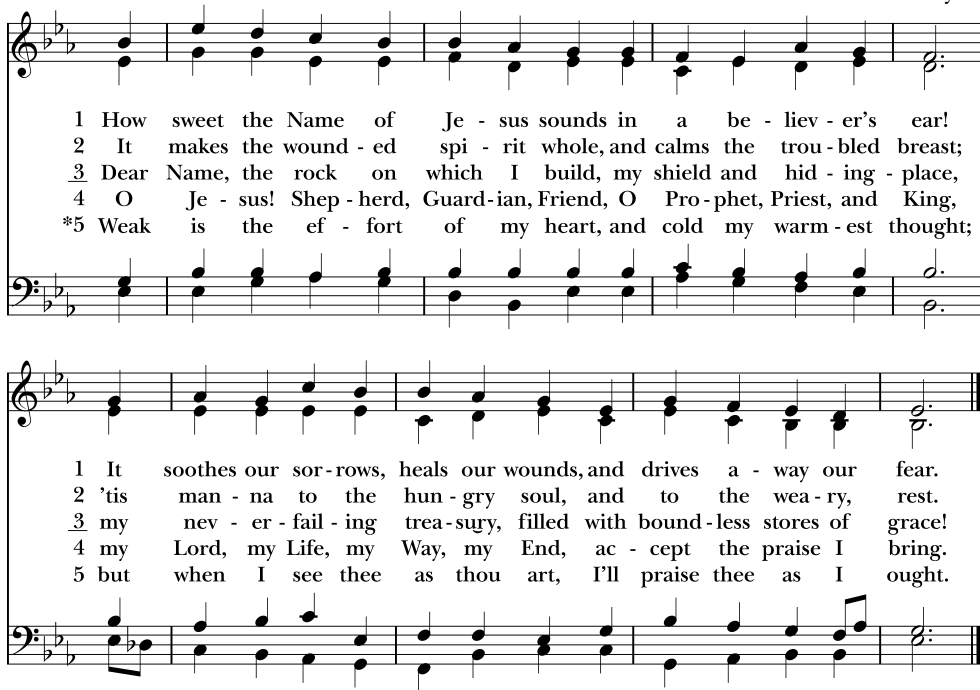
ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE OFFERING

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

Hymnal 644



1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,
4 O Je - sus! Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,
*5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;

1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!
4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.
5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877).

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

All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

Please stand as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship 1, Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

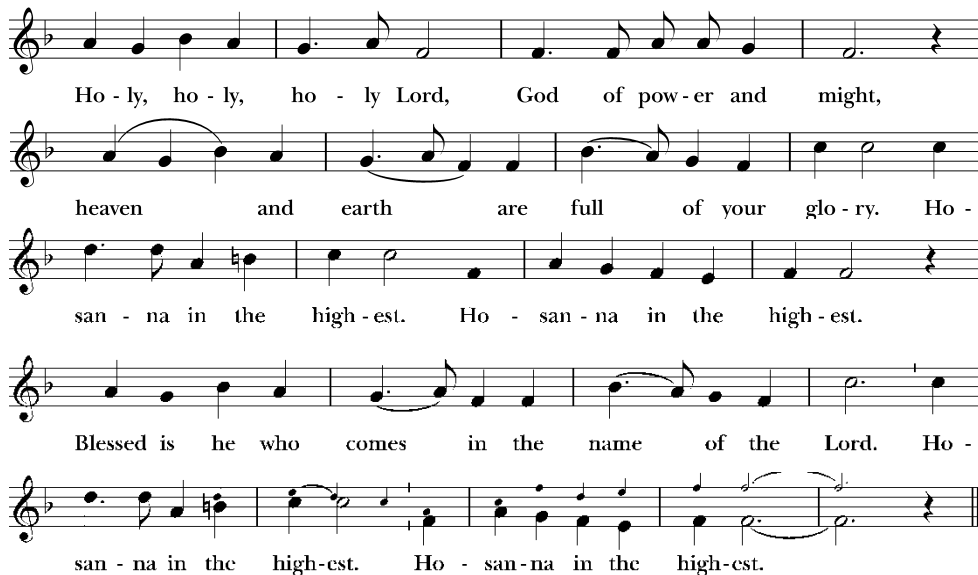
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S-125



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.

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Please kneel or be seated

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

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

of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Mark and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread, silence is kept

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

FRACTION ANTHEM



Be__ known to__ us Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.
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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.

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

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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in two parts: Treble and Bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Let all who are thirst - y, come. Let all who wish, re - ceive the wa - ter of life free - ly. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus. A - men, come, Lord Je - sus.'

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HYMNAL 300

1 Glo - ry, love, and praise, and hon - or for our food
 2 Thank - ful for our ev - ery bless - ing, let us sing
 3 He dis - pels our sin and sad - ness, life im - parts,

now be - stowed ren - der we the Do nor.
 Christ the Spring, nev - er, nev - er ceas - ing.
 cheers our hearts, fills with food and glad - ness.

Boun - teous God, we now con - fess thee: God, who thus
 Source of all our gifts and gra - ces, Christ we own;
 Who him - self for all hath giv - en, us he feeds,

bless - est us, right it is to bless thee.
 Christ a - lone calls for all our prais - es.
 us he leads to a feast in hea - ven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Benifold*, Francis B. Westbrook (1903-1975). By permission of Oxford University Press.

HYMNAL 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN AS NEEDED

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 680

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

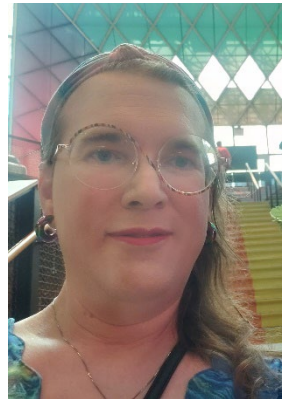
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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

We are honored and delighted to have Dr. Jamie Hommowun preaching this Sunday

Dr. Jamie Hommowun is a psychologist working for Elgin Mental Health Center and has been a member of St. Mark's since 2024. She is proud to head up PrideLion, St. Mark's activity and support group focused on LGBTQIA+ awareness, education and advocacy. She lives in Bloomingdale with her wife, Sarah, daughters Lillian and Juliette and a small coterie of animals (most of which actually belong to her family). She appreciates the opportunity to serve you this weekend, and looks forward to continuing to grow connections here at St. Mark's!



Sunday's 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

August 2025

31	Sunday	9:30 am	“Try the Choir” Rehearsal
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September 2025

1	Monday		Office Closed for Labor Day
3	Wednesday	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Women’s Potluck Lawn Party
3	Wednesday	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Midweek Eucharist
3	Wednesday	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Confirmation Orientation & Info Session
6	Saturday	9:30 am – 3:00 pm	St. Mark’s Singers Choir Retreat
6	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
7	Sunday	After 10:30 am service	Kick Off Sunday Festivities
12	Friday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Life Line Screening
12	Friday	1:00 pm	Mum Unloading & Mum Sale Starts
13	Saturday	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Celebration: A Recital for Cello & Piano
14	Sunday	11:40 am – 12:40 pm	A Q&A for Newcomers & Everyone
16	Tuesday	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
18	Thursday	Starting at 5:30 pm	Downtown Glen Ellyn Illuminated
			Concert Series at St. Mark’s
19	Friday	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Art Exhibit Reception & Artist Talk
20	Saturday	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Meals to Go
25	Thursday	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Community Dinner

UPCOMING EVENTS



CELEBRATE KICK OFF SUNDAY!

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

stmarksglenellyn.org




Sunday School at 8:30 am and 10:15 am

Adult Formation 9:30 am

11:30 am - Hot Dogs, Bounce House & More!

September 7th

Services 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 1 pm



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School starts on Kick Off Sunday, Sept 7th!

- Sign up today to be a volunteer teacher
- Register your child for Sunday School



The 2025 – 2026 Sunday School Program Includes:

Little Blessings Nursery – (infants to 4 years old) – open for all three services: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm

For the 8:30 am service: Godly Play – (pre-k to 5th grade, 8:30 am – 9:00 am, Room 103)

For the 10:30 am service:

ALL CHILDREN WILL GATHER IN MAHON HALL AT 10:15 am and then dismiss to one of four classrooms for a 30 min class before they join their family in the sanctuary at 11:00 am:

- Play & Pray Pre-K--(ages 3 & 4)
- Godly Play--(Kindergarten & 1st Grade)
- Faith Builders--(2nd Grade & 3rd Grade)
- Friends in Faith--(4th Grade & 5th Grade)

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. To sign up to volunteer in Sept or Oct, (there will be quarterly sign-ups) go to this link, <https://signup.com/go/iekMfgU> or use the QR code to the right:



Registering Your Children



Please register your children who will be attending this year, so that we can prepare for our classes. Use this link, <https://tinyurl.com/3h7tm8h5> or the QR code to the left to register.

We look forward to a wonderful year of faith and friendship!

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

Life Line Screening at St. Mark's Friday, September 12, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



St. Mark's will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on Friday, September 12. 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 which will 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mums go on Sale on Friday, September 12th! Volunteers needed to unload the truck on Friday, September 12th.

St. Mark's Annual Mum Sale will begin on Friday, September 12. The mums arrive on September 12th. The cost is \$12 - the best deal in town! - and we have ordered 650 plants. Profits will benefit Glen House Food Pantry and Walk-in Ministry.

Mum Unloading Volunteers - Mum unloading will be on Friday, September 12, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Use the QR code to the right or this link <https://tinyurl.com/76v9pc8c> to sign-up to help with unloading.



Mum Sales Tent Volunteers - We also need volunteers to help with the sales tent. Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/yr3rtdbt> or the QR code to the left to sign-up for timeslots.

Please contact Hester Bury with questions, hesterbury@gmail.com.

A Binding Truth

An award-winning documentary on racial reconciliation



When Jimmie Kirkpatrick transferred his senior year to an affluent Charlotte high school in 1965, he was their first Black football star. That decision swept him into one of North Carolina's most volatile civil rights cases, played out at the explosive intersection of football and race. De Kirkpatrick watched that case unfold and wrote about it in his college essay application. Decades later, a shocking discovery reveals secrets buried in church records that would change their lives. Their story, rooted in the South, is also America's story – one of slavery's legacy and our current racial divide. It's a story of healing and shows a way forward as Jimmie and De explore their binding truth.

Registration encouraged, but not required.

Thursday, September 11

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 393 N. Main Street

Glen Ellyn, IL Mahon Hall

Scan Here:





CELEBRATION

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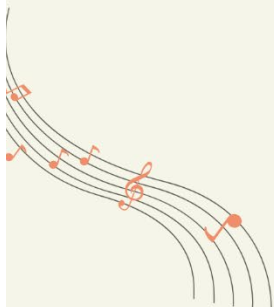
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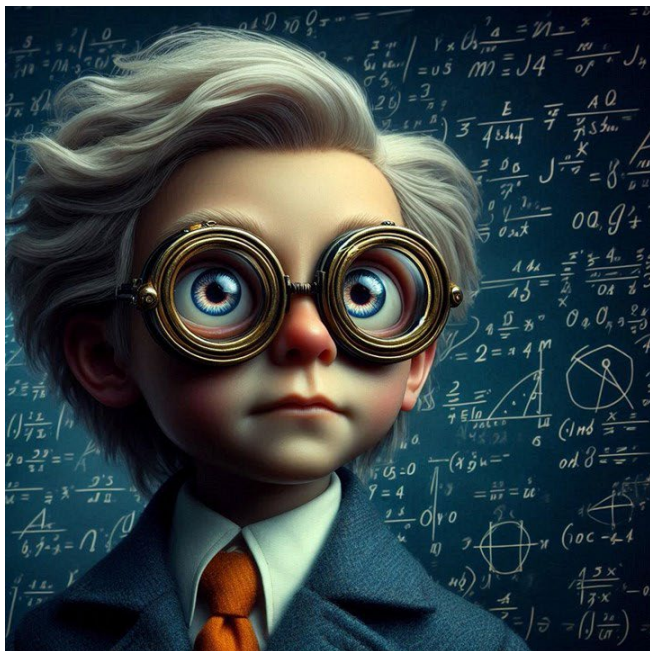
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the music of
Beethoven, Chopin, Kodaly



St Mark's Episcopal Church
393 N Main St. Glen Ellyn





Trivia Night

Fri, Sep 26 @ 7 p.m.
Mahon Hall

Mistress of Ceremonies
Joyce Fletcher

Please bring a snack to share

Register at:
TheWclub@stmarksglenellyn.org

BIBLE STUDY

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

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

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

WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Ministry Potluck Lawn Party!

Join the Women's Ministry on Wednesday, September 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on St. Mark's front lawn for our annual Welcome to St. Mark's Potluck Lawn Party! Bring your favorite appetizer, salad, entree or dessert and/or beverage to share. This is one of our most popular and delicious events! We hope to see new and returning faces.

Contact Rita at women@stmarksglenellyn.org with any questions. In case of bad weather we will gather in the library.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

St. Mark's Preschool Scholarship Fund for 2025 - 2026

St. Mark's Preschool Scholarship Fund, established in 2023, reflects our commitment to providing quality education to those who might otherwise not have the financial means to do so.

St. Mark's Preschool, established in 2010, is inspired by the Reggio philosophy of child education which emphasizes learning through creative exploration. The preschool is a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools and offers programs for preschoolers prior to their enrollment in kindergarten.

To support the scholarship fund, please make a check out to St Mark's with "preschool scholarship" in the memo, or go to the following link to contribute, <https://onrealm.org/stmarksglenellyn/give/now>, then choose "Preschool Scholarships Fund" or scan the QR code to the right. St. Mark's Preschool is grateful for the generosity of the St. Mark's community! If you have any questions about the preschool, please contact the Preschool Director, Kristine, at preschool@stmarksglenellyn.org.



MUSIC NOTES 🎵

Upcoming Music Events

- September 13, Saturday at 3:00 pm **"Celebration: A Recital for Cello & Piano."** Parishioner, **Tanya Carey** together with pianist, Cindy Trowbridge present a celebratory concert of music by Beethoven, Chopin, and Kodaly. Also featuring violinist, Almita Vamos. Mahon Hall. Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

Try the Choir this Summer!

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

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

LANDSCAPES AND MUSINGS: AN EXHIBITION BY
DAN LOBRACO



SEPTEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Reception and 7:15 pm Artist Talk at St. Mark's
Friday, September 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Artist Dan Lobraco presents watercolor work from both his travels and invented landscapes. His travel watercolors are primarily created en plein air, a practice he finds deeply fulfilling. According to the artist, "I find it to be so important when traveling to take the time to sit sometimes for a few hours and paint a place that I am visiting. I feel that this process is spiritual, and allows me to truly connect with a location by observing the intricate details necessary for these paintings. This deliberate slowdown offers an almost cathartic contrast to the usual fast pace of life, allowing me to appreciate the surrounding world."

ARTWORKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Youth Night - ROAR!

If you will be entering 6th - 12 grade in the Fall, you are invited to be part of the St. Mark's Youth Program. Our Youth Leader, David Profitt, will guide us as we look at the life of Jesus and apply His teachings to our lives. We'll be sharing food, fun, and meaningful discussion.

Invite your friends!



Fall Youth Night Schedule

September 10 and 24

October 8 and 22

November 5 and 19

December 3 and 17

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

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

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



- Parents of 8th graders – An email and a letter were sent to you, detailing the program goals.
- Talk about Confirmation in your family. Discuss the various ways to serve in the church by being an acolyte, reader, or usher.
- Students – Plan to attend the Confirmation Retreat on Friday, October 24 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Confirmation Commissioning will take place on Sunday, October 26.

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

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

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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



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!

August 31— *Glimpses of the Gospel*

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

Fall Adult Formation begins September 7

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| Sept 7 | <i>Rectors' Forum</i>
All questions and observations are welcome as Father George talks about the life of St. Mark's and a vision for our future. You won't want to miss it! | Father George Smith |
| Sept 14 | <i>Refugee Resettlement Update</i>
The landscape of refugee resettlement is rapidly changing. Jody May, Director of Education for Exodus World Services, will clarify what has changed, explain how Exodus is responding, and offer opportunities to meet urgent needs and walk beside recently resettled refugee families and individuals in Chicagoland. | Jody May |

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

Sacred Ground

Exploring Issues of Race and Faith – All are welcome!

Tuesday, Sept 2 – Special Zoom Call with Bishop Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, “Sacred Ground and the Work of Racial Reconciliation”. 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm in the Library or if you prefer to view home, register at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/78spta6u> or this QR code:



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Thursday, Sept 11 - *A Binding Truth*, a feature-length documentary that will be released in October to the general public.

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm in Mahon Hall.

Use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/yp4hk4eu> or this QR code:



Tuesday, Sept 16 - Sitting in for the American Dream, a talk by Van Gilmer. As a student during the 1960 lunch counter sit-in, he was inspired to take action.

7:00 - 8:00 pm at the Glenside Public Library.

Registration Required: <https://glenside.librarycalendar.com/event/greensboro-sit-ins-52848>

Tuesday, Sept 23 - September meeting - Kirk Burger will share an update from the McKee Preservation Group. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the St. Mark's Library and Zoom. Zoom number 483-170-780

Sunday, Sept 28 - Zoom interview with Jimmie and De Kirkpatrick and filmmaker Louise Woehrle (*A Binding Truth*). At 3 p.m. on Zoom and in the St. Mark's Library

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

Education for Ministry (EfM)

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. A four-year program and a new one-year overview are offered at St. Mark's.

Interested or have questions? Contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com.

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 krth1280@gmail.com or 773-383-1884

Would you like to join our team of meal volunteers? We'd be blessed to have you share in this meaningful ministry.

St. Mark's Meals To Go

Saturday, September 6, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Hillside Entrance

St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be giving out a hot meal to go to anyone who wants or needs one on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. All are welcome! www.stmarksmeals.org. **Our next Meals to Go lunch will be September 20.**

Questions? Contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@mc.com

Glen House Food Pantry – Top Needs

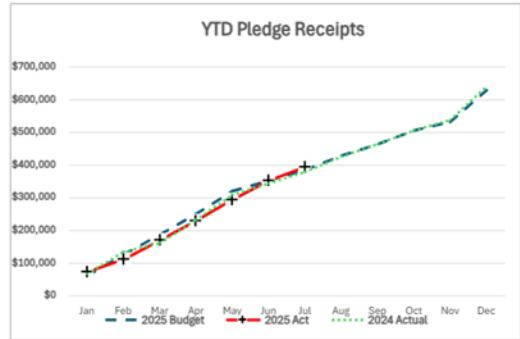
Top Needs: Jarred Peppers (Hot & Mild), Barbeque Sauce, Hot Sauce, Ketchup, Mustard & Mayo, Salsa (Hot & Mild), and Canned Olives. You can bring items to donate to St. Mark's and place them in our shopping cart in the hallway between the library and the narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Frawley at jfrawley260@gmail.com.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church **Summary Financial Report** **Jul-25**

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>YTD Act</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>	<u>% of FY Budget</u>
Pledges	389,547	629,000	62%
Unpledged & Other Donations, Open Pl	60,003	127,000	47%
Usage Income	82,857	125,200	66%
Other Income	35,191	38,086	92%
St. Mark's Total Revenue	567,598	919,286	62%

<u>Expenses</u>			
Salary & Hourly Compensation	303,482	521,393	58%
Ministry Costs	14,988	25,935	58%
Music Programs	5,760	18,860	31%
Administrative Costs	109,119	179,648	61%
Buildings & Grounds	76,571	137,000	56%
Children & Youth	5,107	9,400	54%
Mission & Outreach	18,345	27,500	67%
St. Mark's Total Expenses	535,212	919,286	58%
Net St. Mark's Revenue/(Exp)	32,386	-	

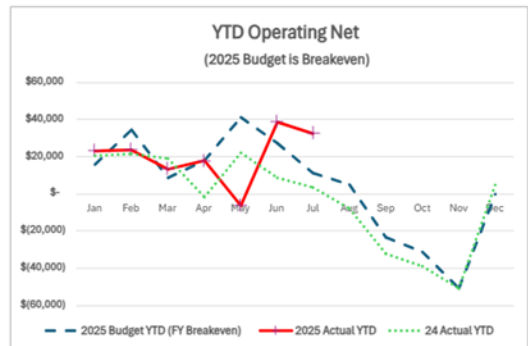


<u>Cash</u>	<u>Mth-End</u>
Treasurer's Checking - operating	155,372
Schwab Account - operating	109,752
Less Treasurer's Checking - restricted	(71,327)
Net Cash Available for Church Operatio	193,797
Other Cash (Preschool, PDO, Other)	86,798

<u>Current Debt Liability</u>	<u>Mth-End</u>
Debt Reduction Loan - Diocese	484,419

<u>Long-Term Debt Liability</u>	
Building Mortgage	367,157

Total Debt Liabilities	851,576
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For July 2025, St. Mark's YTD operating net was a surplus of \$32,386 which was above the YTD budget by \$16,006. Actual pledges received YTD of \$389,547 were above budget by \$2,314. Unpledged, open plate and other donations were below budget by \$13,982. St. Mark's cash available for current operations is \$193,797. St. Mark's continues to have significant liabilities - the Church Building Mortgage and the Diocesan Loan. If there are any comments or questions, contact Cam Gowans, cameronbgowans@gmail.com. Finance Committee meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 6pm (online) and are open to all of St. Mark's.



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

Please submit to communications@stmarksglenellyn.org. Thank you!