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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 410

Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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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 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.

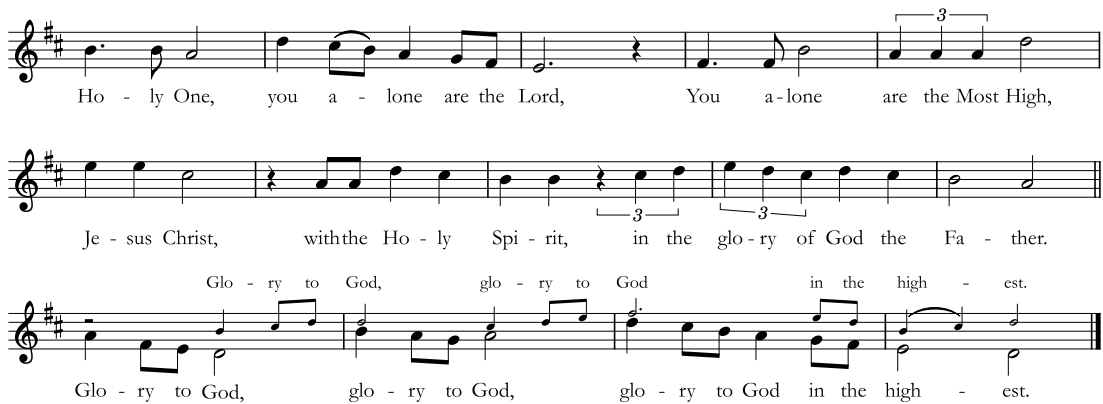
high - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, On - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 25:1-8

The congregation sings verses in bold.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my /trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph /over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to /shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their /schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O /Lord, *
and teach me your /paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and /teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day /long.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and /love, *
for they are from ever/lasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O /Lord.

**7 Gracious and upright is the /Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his /way.**

**8 He guides the humble in doing /right *
and teaches his way to the /lowly.**

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

Clergy

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Clergy

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Acclamation is repeated

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Suzi Holding, *Priest Associate*

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.

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 one another.

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,

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 Hesckhe, 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, 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, Sally Neuert, 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, 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, Don and Jackie Jones, Jake Smith, Davia Family, Jessica Budziak, Kathryn Lad, Greg Mongolis, Patrick Hannell, Sydney McRay, Maria Eugenia Alarcon Morales, Ricardo Venegas, and Carrie Gowans.

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 Fávire at carolyn@drfavire.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 How Beautiful Upon the Mountains | *Sir John Stainer (19th century)*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation,
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

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*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

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

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

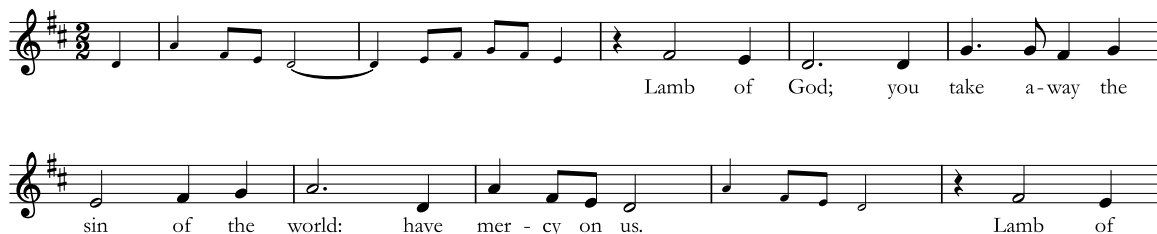
Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y libranos 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.

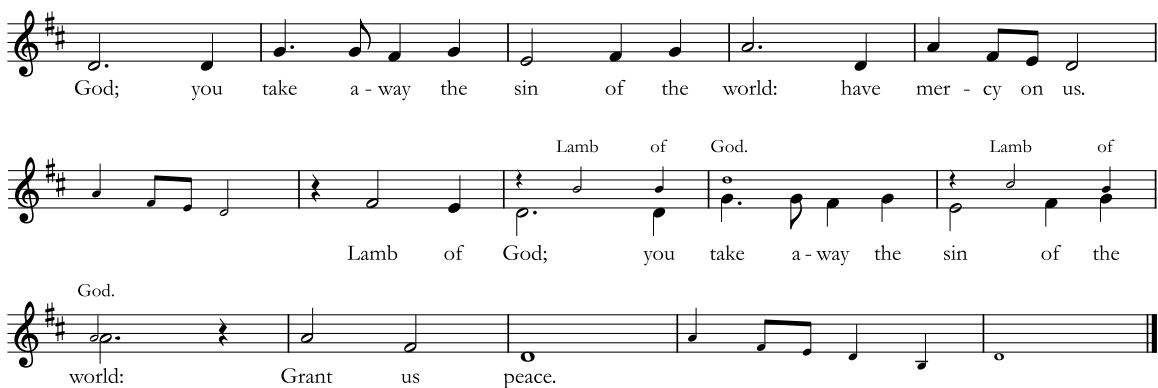
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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



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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 m'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 m'es-

Last time

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 307

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

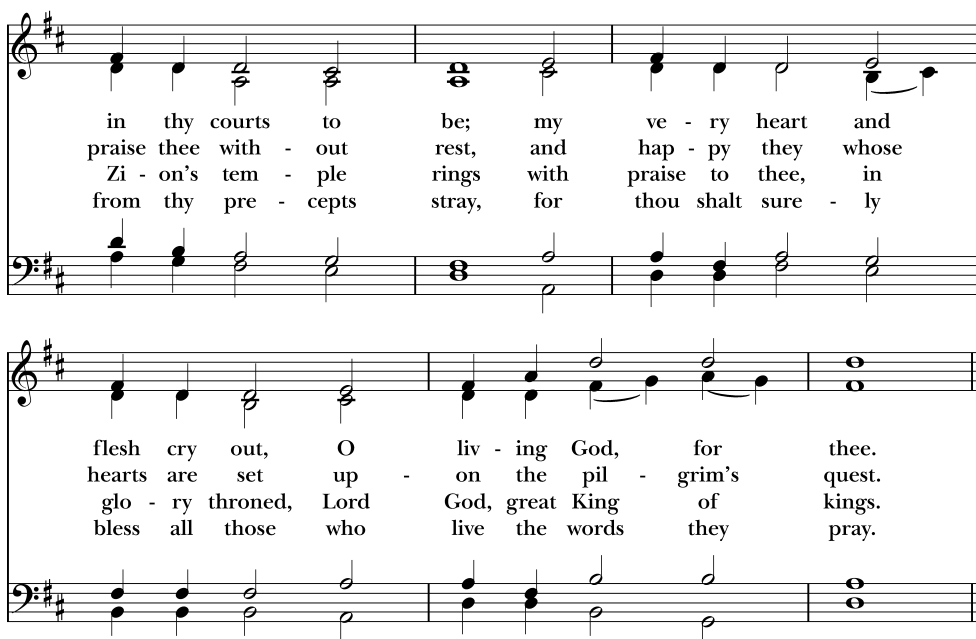
1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. Music: *Bryn Calffaria*, melody William Owen (1813-1983); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977.

Hymnal 517

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

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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.

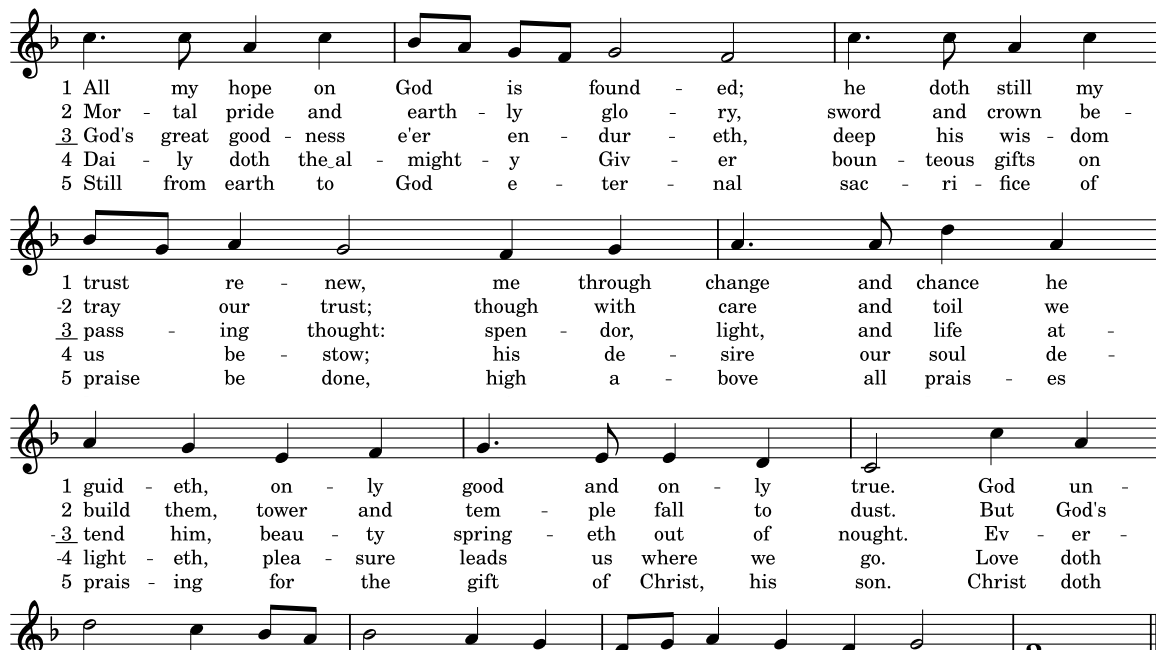
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness 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 665



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: spen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.

*Congratulations to our baptismal candidate at today's 1:00 pm service,
Chrstiopher Dominci Bibiano*



*This week's altar flowers are given by Gerrat Tafoya Padron in
honor of her grandmother Juana Maria Mares Méndez*



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"



LOOKING AHEAD

September

27	Sun	6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong
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October

3	Sat	9:30 a.m.	Pumpkins Arrive
3	Sat	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Singing Back the Buffalo (Documentary)
4	Sun	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	St. Francis Pet Blessing
11	Sun	After 10:30 and 1 p.m.	Tamale Fundraiser
		services	
16	Fri	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Artist Talk & Reception
17	Sat	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Pumpkin Patch Festival

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Narthex Update: September 27

We've had our final pre-construction meeting with the architects and general contractor and have started to negotiate the contract. We are now waiting to hear from suppliers on several price adjustments. Once the contract is signed, we hope to move quickly to the construction stage. We now expect the work to start in October and end in December.

The rendering shows what the space will look like with the tile that has been selected.

For more information, please contact David Dornblaser: (630) 215-7999 voicemail or text or at dornblaser@me.com.

Start Your Tuesdays and Fridays with Morning Prayer

Morning prayer is a simple and meaningful way to begin the day. St. Mark's offers a 20-minute prayer service on **Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.** (via **Zoom or St. Mark's Facebook**) and **in-person on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in St. Mark's chapel.**



The **Zoom ID is 483-170-780**. All are welcome! Questions: Contact Fr. George Smith at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org | 630-858-1020, ext. 22.

Pumpkins Arrive October 3rd at 9:30 a.m.!!! Sign Up to Unload and Sell

This is the 20th anniversary of St. Mark's Pumpkin Patch. Every purchase supports DuPagePads' efforts to end homelessness. St. Mark's has donated over \$146,000 to DuPagePads since 2006.



We need your help to make it a continued success.



To help unload pumpkins on Saturday, Oct. 3, use the **orange** QR code.

To help sell pumpkins on weekends, use the **black** QR code.



Questions? Please contact Hester Bury, Outreach Chair, hesterbury@gmail.com.



SINGING BACK THE BUFFALO

A FILM BY TASHA HUBBARD



MOVIE SCREENING

6PM SATURDAY, OCT. 3RD

MAHON HALL, ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
393 N MAIN ST, GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 AT THE DOOR

All proceeds to benefit the
Native American Cultural
& Environmental Center



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, September 27 at 6 pm

Music of the English Cathedral
Tradition with guest conductor
Lydia Vermeesch

*All are invited to attend in-person. The program will
also be live on Zoom (483-170-780) and YouTube.*

St. Francis Pet Blessing

All Pets Welcome!



Sunday, Oct. 4
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

HEROES

OF PROTEST & PRAISE



ICON REPRODUCTIONS BY

JOSEPH MALHAM

WOMEN & MEN OF ALL FAITHS AND NATIONALITIES
WHO STOOD UP AND SAID NO TO HATRED AND YES TO JUSTICE

ARTIST TALK & RECEPTION

OCTOBER 16, 6:30-8:30PM

EXHIBIT RUNS SEPTEMBER 17-NOVEMBER 23

An Update from St. Mark's Grow and Renew Capital Campaign Chairs

Dear friends and members of St. Mark's,

Thank you to those who made a pledge to St. Mark's **Grow and Renew Capital Campaign**. As we have recently passed the midway point of our three-year campaign, we are excited to provide you with an update. So far, we have received 67% of the \$868,000 pledged, or \$585,720. With funds received we have made significant progress towards the campaign's three goals:



Goal #1: Paying off the Bank Loan: With payments toward pledges, St. Mark's was able to fully pay off the \$323,000 bank loan in January 2026. This was the bank loan that originated in 2003 and is now finally paid off in full!

Goal #2: Narthex Accessibility and Refurbishment: A committee chaired by St. Mark's member, David Dornblaser, is overseeing the project to update and renovate the Narthex, including installing a lift from the entry level to the library/office level. A contract is being negotiated with construction expected to begin in October. While a portion of the pledged funds allocated to the Narthex work project are already in hand, more of the outstanding pledges will be needed over the coming months as the work begins. The Narthex team is posting updates regularly in the Sunday bulletin.

Goal #3: Capital Reserve Fund: As additional campaign contributions are received in excess of the Narthex project cost, St. Mark's will add to the building reserve fund. This fund will position us to address future capital projects.

Your participation: We are grateful for every pledge! If you did not get a chance to participate, you are invited to make a pledge or contribution. To make a pledge, use this QR code.

If you have pledged and are able to do more, your additional donation will be added to the Capital Reserve fund for future needs. We are grateful for your support of this campaign and investment in the future of St. Mark's!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Lanzillo

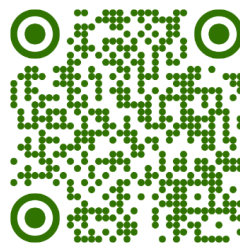
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The poster has a solid orange background. It is decorated with white line-art illustrations of various pumpkins and gourds scattered around the edges. A large white rectangular box with an orange border is centered on the page, containing the event details.

ST. MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Celebrate 20 years
of the Pumpkin Patch

BUY & DECORATE
PUMPKINS

Net pumpkin patch proceeds benefit DuPagePads

MUSIC, FUN
& FELLOWSHIP
HOT DOGS FOR SALE!

11AM-2PM, SAT. OCT. 17TH

A recruitment poster for St Mark's Choristers. The top half has a dark blue background with musical notes and stars. The text 'St Mark's' is in white, and 'Choristers' is in large, bold, white letters with an orange outline. Below this, it says 'Welcoming young singers who are comfortable reading'. A white box with orange musical notes on the sides contains the text 'Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:15 pm'. Below that, a dark blue banner with white text says 'First Rehearsal September 16'. In the center, there is a QR code flanked by two sets of three lines radiating outwards. Below the QR code is a dark blue banner with a white envelope icon and the text 'More information music@stmarksglenellyn.org'. The bottom half of the poster has a light blue background with musical notes and stars.

St Mark's Choristers

Welcoming young singers who are
comfortable reading

Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:15 pm

First Rehearsal September 16

Registration

More information music@stmarksglenellyn.org

A Tax-Smart Way to Support St. Mark's Ministry

If you are required to take a Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your traditional IRA this year, consider directing all or part of it to St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ and older to donate directly from their IRA without counting the distribution as taxable income. It is a meaningful, tax-efficient way to sustain our worship, outreach, and parish life. Things to keep in mind:

- The "Direct Transfer" Rule: Checks must be made payable directly to St. Mark's Episcopal Church from the IRA custodian (not made out to the individual first) to qualify.
- Age Note: While RMD starting ages have shifted under federal law (ages 73+), the ability to make a tax-free QCD begins earlier, at age 70½.

For details or account transfer instructions, please contact Elise Brinich at treasurer@stmarksglenellyn.org or 630-858-1020.

(Please consult your tax or financial advisor regarding your personal situation.)

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Sept. 27 *How the Pumpkin Patch Saves Lives* **Presentation from DuPagePads**
It has been 20 years since St. Mark's set up our now well-known Pumpkin Patch donating all proceeds to DuPagePads. Their staff will share inspiring stories about how these donations over the years have saved lives.

Oct. 4, 11 & 18 *Paul Re-Viewed: A Fresh Look at the Apostle's Message of Inclusion, Justification, and Faith* **Father George Smith**
A 3-part series challenging common assumptions about St. Paul and his letters.
Forum held in Mahon Hall. Continental breakfast served.

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

Oct. 4 *Beyond the Law:* Understanding Paul's emphasis on radical grace.

Oct. 11 *Identity in Christ:* What Paul teaches us about who we are and who we are called to be.

Oct. 18 *Community and Conflict:* Applying Paul's vision for unity in a divided world.

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



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!

Saturday, Oct. 3

6:00 p.m.

Mahon Hall

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

McKee House presents this 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 served. \$10 suggested donation at door, benefiting the Native American Cultural & Environmental Center.

Tuesday, Oct 27

7:30 – 9 p.m.

Library

Monthly Meeting

Discussion on timely topics and upcoming year planning.

Questions? Contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org

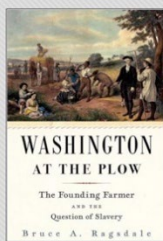
Education for Ministry (EFM) Starts in October

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.

St. Mark's offers both a four-year EfM program and a one-year overview. The new program year starts on October 15 and we meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. either at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn or via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join, returning participants are also welcome. You can learn more about EfM at <https://theology.sewanee.edu>. Interested or have questions? Contact David Dornblaser at (630) 215-7999 or dornblaser@me.com.

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

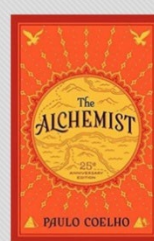
For questions or to get the Zoom address, contact John Zelman
jzelman86@gmail.com.



Sun, 9/27



Sun, 10/25



Sun, 11/22

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

YOUTH NEWS

Next Meeting at FCCGE: Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

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 are partnering with the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn (FCCGE) for weekly Wednesday night meetings that alternate between the two parishes. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Together we will... **Look Inward. Reach Outward. Journey Forward.**



Confirmation 2026-2027

All people 8th grade and up are invited to participate in Confirmation. Our program includes a retreat and six classes, as well as participation in ministries and community service opportunities.

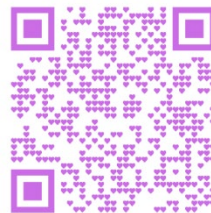
For more information, contact Joyce Fletcher at joyce@stmarksglenellyn.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Welcome Back to Sunday School

All children are welcome every Sunday, no advance registration required!

St. Mark's offers our Little Blessings Nursery for our youngest children, and Sunday School classes for students from pre-K to 5th grade. Each week we "Gather and Sing" in Mahon Hall at 10:15 a.m. before going to our individual classrooms for our prayers, stories, discussion, and crafts! Children are then returned to the sanctuary to join their families for Communion. Questions? Contact **Gina Wood**, Children's Ministry Director at childrensministry@stmarksglenellyn.org.



We need your help, too. All St. Mark's members are invited to be a Sunday School classroom leader or helper. We supply all the materials. Use this QR code to volunteer for September and October Sunday School dates. 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

COFFEE HOUR NEEDS HOSTS!

St. Mark's encourages us to get to know one another. Coffee hour after services is a perfect setting to say, "Hey, my name is Mary ... what's yours?" Building community over a cup of coffee makes it even more friendly!



But no host, no goodies! Coffee hour requires people to sign up to bring some "lite bites"—cookies, cheese, crackers, some grapes, etc.! A guideline sheet is under the sign-up sheet for you to take. We will also call to remind you and answer any questions.

Coffee and tea will already be set up for you. We have serving plates. Someone will be there to help you. The sign-up clip board is always available in the narthex. You can also call/text Lois Sheridan at [630 947-3882](tel:6309473882).

Meals to Go: Saturday, Oct. 3, 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!

To sign up to be a volunteer or food donor, please contact David Dornblaser at dornblaser@me.com or (630) 215-7999.



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!

Top needs: Canned peas, corn, and black beans (low sodium); ketchup and mayonnaise; soy, teriyaki, and hot sauce; crackers (low sodium), and ramen meals.

Questions? Contact Liliana Mazariegos, St. Mark's representative to the Food Pantry, at lmaz_811@yahoo.com.

CREO DuPAGE

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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. Questions? Contact Krista Suzuki at krista.suzuki@creodupage.org



Annual Environment and Spirituality Summit

Faith in Place's Annual Environment & Spirituality Summit takes place virtually Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 28 and Sept. 29. With the theme Grounded Resistance, the summit will explore how we can engage the world from a place of deep grounding, collective support, and sustained resistance. It will feature four inspiring speakers, including Bill

McKibben, author, educator, and environmentalist, who helped found 350.org, the first global grassroots campaign focused on climate change. McKibben also recently helped found Third Act, a progressive organizing movement for people over age 60.

There will be in-person watch parties, including one in Wheaton, for Tuesday, September 29. Scan the QR code or go to acs-summit.org to register for free!

Bridge Communities: Mentor Training Oct. 2nd and 3rd

Bridge Communities is seeking compassionate adults who are good listeners and committed to helping families achieve their goals. Join us in helping families build a brighter future. Time commitment is typically 10 to 12 hours per month.



Our next Mentor Training takes place over two days:

Friday, October 2, 5:30-8:30pm AND

Saturday, October 3, 8:15am-4pm

Location: B.R. RYALL YMCA (49 Deicke Drive, Glen Ellyn)

All meals provided. Please register at www.bridgecommunities.org by Tuesday, September 29.

Bridge mentors are the heart of a life-changing opportunity for struggling families in our community—and the truth is, it is life changing for mentors, too! Mentor Training is the place to start this journey, or to continue it.

We know that the mentor-mentee relationship is so important to a client's journey while in Bridge, and this training will help a mentor build confidence in developing that trusting relationship. We recently heard the following from a Bridge client:

"My mentors listened to me. My mentors made sure that I knew that I had a say and I had a voice. And that was one of the most helpful things for me. We established a rapport very quickly. It was a mutual respect. I didn't feel like I was talked down to when I was meeting with them. Overall, I think everyone was learning something from each other. That's what made my experience so meaningful. My mentors were very respectful to me as a person, and we all learned from each other."

At Mentor Training, we discuss:

- The Bridge Communities history, mission, and program
- Challenges our client families face and the impact of trauma
- Practical aspects of mentoring
- How we collaborate to achieve great outcomes!

Questions? Please call Molly Howieson, Bridge Communities' Sr Manager of Direct Mentors at 630-403-5107.

Voting in the 2026 Midterms!

From the Episcopal Church on voting and election engagement:

We recognize election engagement as an act of Christian stewardship and a tangible way to love our neighbors. Our mandate to care for God’s world and people compels us, morally and spiritually, to vote—and to help ensure voting access for others. Election engagement also means we seek to stay informed; critically evaluate information before we share or act on it; and engage in respectful political dialogue even when we disagree.

For more information on voting in DuPage County and candidate forums:

- League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn: lwage.org
- League of Women Voters of Wheaton: my.iw.org/illinois/wheaton/voting
- DuPage County Election Division: www.dupagecounty.gov-elected_officials/election and voter_information



**Check your registration.
Make a voting plan!**



Encourage your family and friends to do the same!



Go to Vote.org or Vote411.org

Aug 5	First day to request a Vote By Mail ballot
Sept 24	First day for the DuPage Election Division to mail a ballot to voters who requested one
Sept 24	Some Early Voting Locations open across DuPage County. *
Oct 18	Online Voter Registration Closes
Oct 19	All Early Voting Locations open across DuPage County.*
Oct 29	Last day for the Election Division to receive, by mail, a Vote By Mail ballot application
Nov 3	Vote by Mail Ballots must be dropped off at a polling location OR postmarked by Election Day to be counted
Nov 3	Election Day: In-person voter registration & voting. Polls are open 6am - 7pm

What else to know:

You need not present a photo ID to vote in Illinois. A poll worker should not ask you for ID except in a narrow range of circumstances. You may need an ID if:

- An Election Judge challenges your right to vote
- You registered to vote by mail and didn't provide ID
- If you are also registering to vote or changing your registration address on the day that you vote



You may take notes into your polling place.



DuPage County allows for voting at any polling place during any open hours!



Voter protection hotline is: 1-866-OUR VOTE

<https://www.aclu-il.org/know-your-rights/know-your-rights-voting-illinois/>

★ **VOTE. VOTE EARLY. VOTE YOUR VALUES.** ★



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Youth Representative to Vestry

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