Welcome to

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** 

October 27,

2024



Reformation Sunday

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** 

**SATURDAY** 

"SHINE" CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays - Chapel)

**SUNDAY** 

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

in-person & streaming

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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The Reverend Brian M. Robison, Pastor

PLEASE wear a mask/face covering *if* you are exhibiting *any* upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19 (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

**To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshiping with us today! *"Quiet Bags"* (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

**Parish Hall and Restrooms** are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

Assistive listening devices and low vision items are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

### PRELUDE

"Larghetto"

### WELCOME

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Please* **STAND** *as you are able*

Blessed be the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – the one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

You may **KNEEL** or **remain as you are**. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious 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. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in our time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.** 

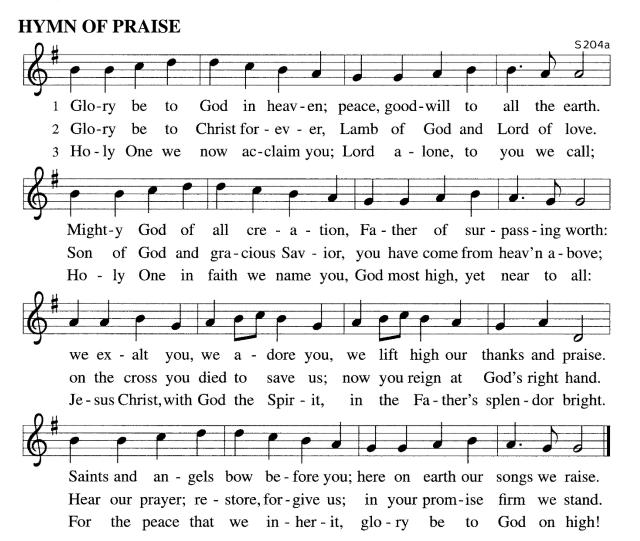
Please **STAND** as you are able



### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

**ELW 204** 



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Following the prayer, please* **SIT**.

### <u>WORD</u>

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

### **SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

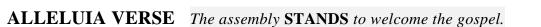
<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.





### **GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52**

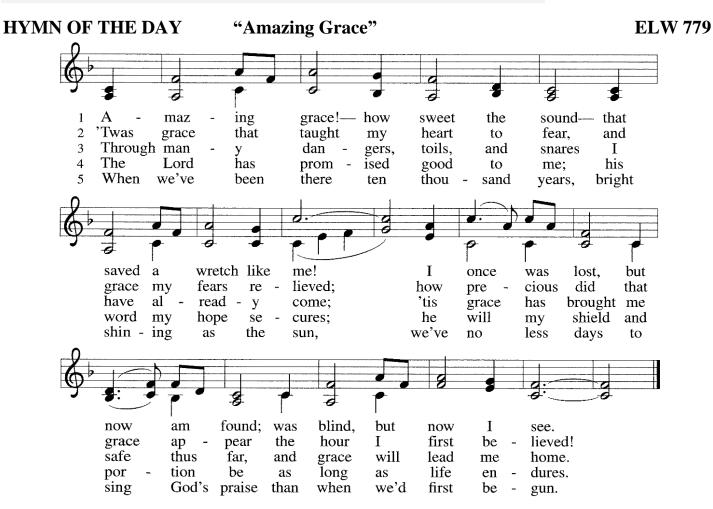
A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the apostle John. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ. Please SIT

### **SERMON** *"Amazing Reformation Grace"* **The Rev. Brian M. Robison**

Following the sermon, the assembly **STANDS** to proclaim the word of God in song.





**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *The names of those for whom we pray aloud are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin. The response to "God of grace," is "Hear our prayer"...* 

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Debbie Guenther, Carol Kugler, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinskey, & Doug Carpenter

**PEACE** The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Following the Peace, you may be seated for a few moments

**OFFERING** Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray together... Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

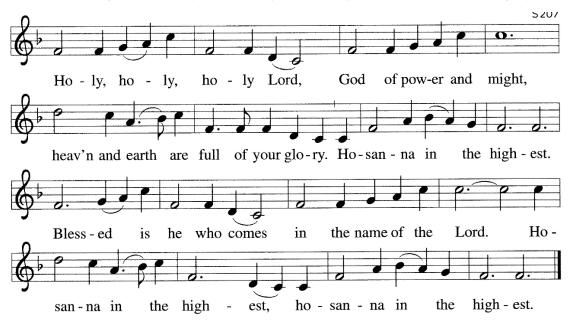
### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... and join in their unending hymn:



### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER Traditional

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.

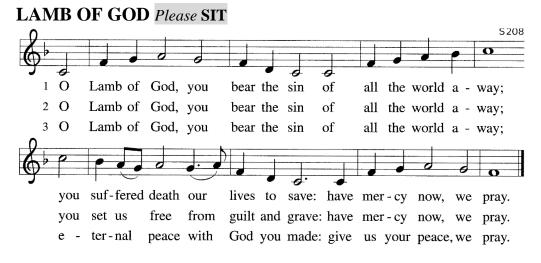
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come forth; your God meets you here.



### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

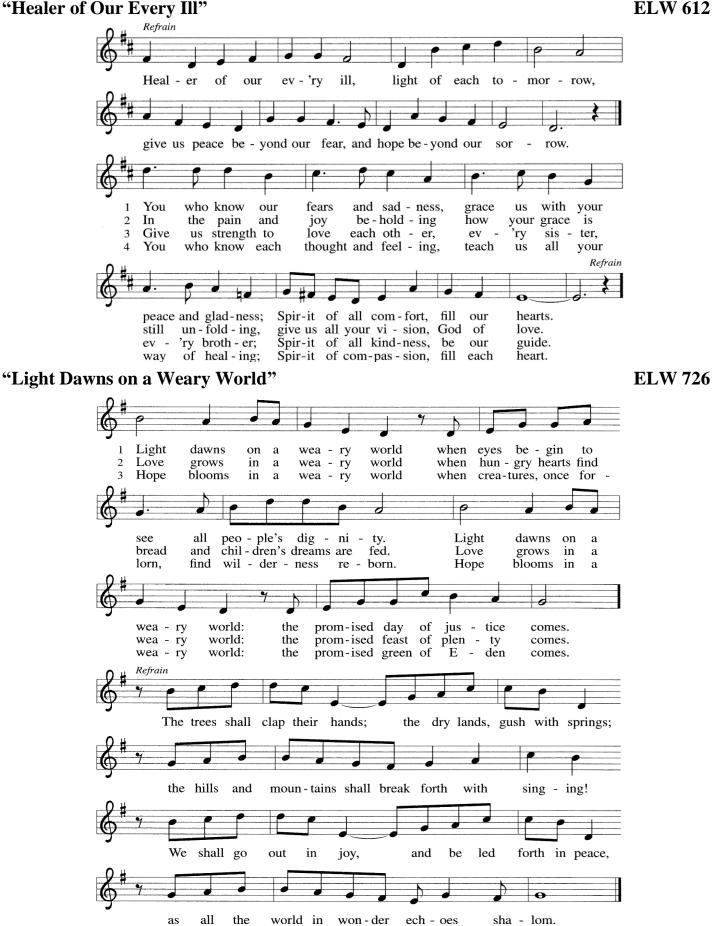
*Communion is open to everyone.* In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.
- You may return to your seat after communing.
- ✤ Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.
- Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.
- ✤ If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.

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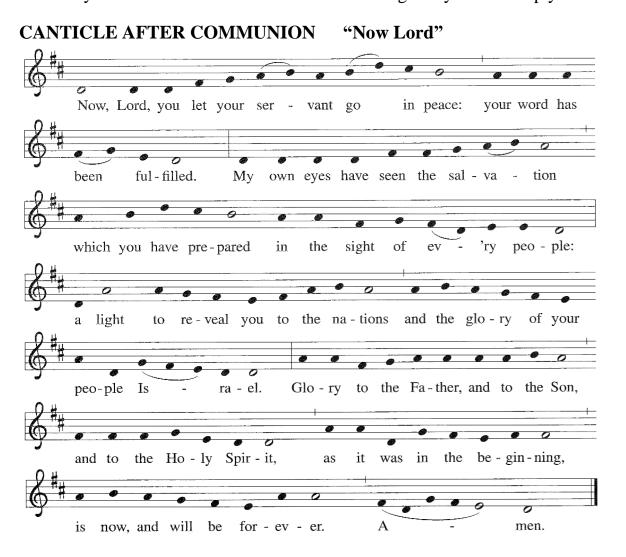
#### **ELW 612**



### **CHOIR ANTHEM** *"Where Your Treasure Is"* by Marty Haugen Solos: Alto section, Mark Sidney, Terry Tribout; Instrument: Charlie Duncan

**TABLE BLESSING**After the distribution is complete, please STAND as you are able.The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.Amen.

**ELW 201** 

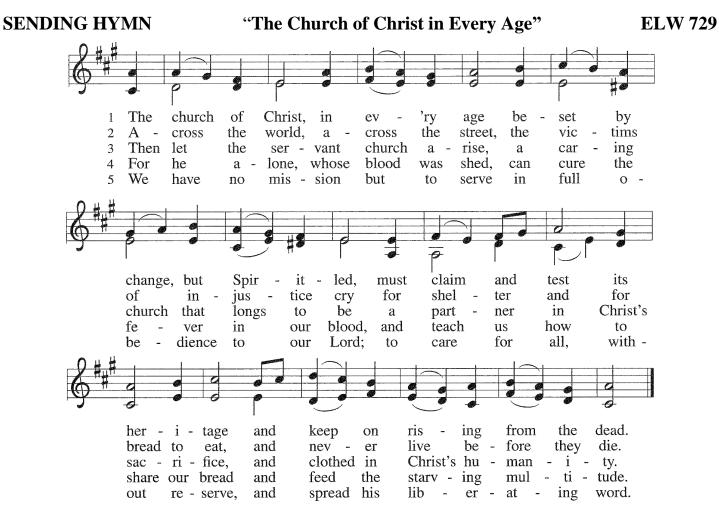


### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.** 



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Sinfonia" (from Cantata 29) J.S. Bach

#### MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + Assisting Minister: Greg Guenther Lector: Terry Tribout + Crucifer: Keith Kniepkamp + Tech Minister: Aaron Fuchs Chalice Bearer: Greg Martens + Organist: Evelyn Duncan Safety Volunteer: Jan Richards + Ushers: Kathy Casey & Nancy Guenther

#### Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Quapaw, Myaamia,Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

#### Lyrics to today's Choir Anthem

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

What do you gain from all your worry, what you should eat or what to wear? There is no peace in stress or hurry. Do you not know that you are held within God's care?

Look at the ravens high above you. They do not work their whole life through. And yet God feeds them and protects them. So how much more will God protect and care for you?

Behold the lilies in their splendor. In grace and beauty are they dressed, And yet so soon their bloom is faded. So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

Do not fear, little flock, for God delights to give you the blessed reign of God. Give your possessions to the needy; gain a treasure that will not fade.

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

### **Prayer Intentions**

#### St. Mark Members

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#### St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer,
Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Doug Carpenter, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis,
Brian Dinges, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano,
David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Herb Halwachs, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs,
Mike Koeneman, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus,
Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt,
Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Chris Parmeter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow,
Debbie & Larry Powers, Goldie Rideout, Michael Robison, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf,
Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Bob Vaughn,
David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Sue Witherell, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf,
Wilma Woolf, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

#### Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

#### Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Gary Weshinskey (10/28), Curtis Dowty (11/1), Haley & Olivia Buehlhorn (11/2)

#### St. Mark Staff

**Pastor**: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Administrative Assistant**: Randi Cardoza **Music Director**: Carol Kugler + **Organist**: Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse**: Becky Schnitzius



## NEWS and NOTES for October 27, 2024

Monday, October 28: 6:00PM Thursday, October 31: 6:15PM 7:00PM Friday, November 1: 10:00AM Saturday, November 2: 6:00PM

#### This Week at St. Mark:

Fr. Mark's installation as rector of St. George's - church Bell Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal Bellefontaine Cemetery walking tour SHINE worship - chapel

### \*Daylight Saving Time ends NEXT Sunday, November 3\*

### Today's Adult Forum: Halloween in the Bible: ZOMBIES

*Zombies*? In the *Bible*? Yes indeed – and LOTS of them! Come to see and hear for yourself as Pastor Brian leads us through the zombie hoards in the Parish Hall after worship in today's Adult Forum as we near the end of the Halloween season.

#### Father Mark's Installation as Rector

**THIS Monday**, <u>October 28</u> at 6:00PM, St. Mark members are welcome and encouraged to join our friends from St. George's for the institution and induction of Father Mark Ohlemeier as Rector of St. George's. A reception will follow the worship service.

### **Bellefontaine Cemetery Walking Tour on All Saints Day**

THIS Friday, November 1 we journey to historic Bellefontaine Cemetery in downtown St. Louis for a two-hour fall history walking tour. This event is <u>FREE</u> but reservations are limited to 15; a sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall below the bulletin board. If the regular spots are full, please sign up on the Waiting List section in case spots open up.

For those who have already signed-up, please **meet at the cemetery between 9:30-9:45AM; Tour is from 10AM-12PM.** If you marked Yes to carpool, we will be in contact to make those arrangements.

Note that the tour involves **walking about 2 miles** across moderate terrain. Know your limits and please wear appropriate fall walking attire.

### SHARE THE WARMTH Clothing Donations ends today, October 27

**Today** is the **last day** to donate gently worn coats, thermal underwear, sweatshirts, t-shirts, undershirts, socks, hats, mittens, gloves, scarfs, etc. to benefit the homeless in our area. Warming blankets, handwarmers and new underwear for men and women are also greatly appreciated. Donations will be distributed to various organizations throughout the project period with donation numbers provided periodically. A collection container is in the Narthex/Canterbury Room.



### GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Event on November 16

The holiday season is nearly upon us, and with it comes a focus on family, traditions, social events, and cheer—all of which can cause difficult emotions to surface. Whether this is the first, second, or tenth holiday after a loved one's death, the emotions that may arise in the days

ahead can blindside us. And just like road signs - which show us what's ahead on unfamiliar roads with rough patches and curves - *Surviving the Holidays* guides us through this holiday season. In this one-time session, you'll find support and direction to navigate the holidays in a healthy way.

If any of this rings true for you, please plan to join us for this very special event **hosted by St. Mark** and **led by Nurse Becky** in the **Parish Hall** on **Saturday**, **November 16** from **1:00PM to 3:00PM**. You'll watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and start using your Survival Guide, which has encouragement and helpful tips for the days ahead. These tools will help you not only to survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance.

We are offering this event for **FREE**, but **pre-registration is required**. Please **register at** <u>https://www.griefshare.org/events/250868</u>

### Our All Saints Sunday worship service is NEXT Sunday, November 3 at 9:00AM.

Names of deceased loved ones may be entered into our Book of Remembrance, which is now on the St. Mark table in the Welcome Area. You are welcome and encouraged to write names of any deceased loved ones you wish to remember. You may also contact the church office (office@stmarkbelleville.org) to add a someone to the list.

All written names will be included in the worship folder, but **only the names** of those **who have died over the past year** will be read during the service, with a single toll of a bell after each name. Please mark a **star** or an **asterisk** next to the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. \*For your convenience, Randi

has printed the names of a number of our loved ones who have passed in the last year. Please verify that your loved one is indeed on that list.

### Prayer Service for the Nation before Election Day

St. George's hosts a service of **Evening Prayer for the Nation** at **6:00PM** in the **chapel** on **November 4**. The service features a recitation of the Great Litany, the church's ancient prayer of intercession, to beseech God for protection over the church and the world leading up to Election Day. St. Mark members are welcome to join and to invite others to take part in this important endeavor in witness to our faith.



**Pumpkin Palooza returns November 10!** On Sunday, November 10, we will have a **bake sale** between and after all three services to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**. Put it on your calendar now to **bake, shop and join the fun** for a very important ministry.

SHINE Praise Worship is next Saturday, November 2 at 6:00pm in the chapel!

St. Mark Offerings for 10/20: General Fund: \$2,872.80; Food Pantry: \$105; Disaster Relief: \$97.77





Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	<b>S</b> at.
<b>3</b> All Saints Sunday 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy	4 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield	5	6 10:30AM Joint Use	7		2 6:00PM SHINE worship -chapel
10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum 10:30AM Confirmation All Gainte Day	Manor 6:00PM Evening Prayer w/ St. George's	ELECTION	Meeting —CR	6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	8 Pastor's Day Off	9 9A-12P Property Work Day
10 25th Sunday after Pentecost	11 Office Closed	12	13	14	15	16
9:00AM The Divine Liturgy Pumpkin Palooza Between Services 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum 10:30AM Confirmation Second Food Collection	9:30AM H&W Meeting-CR		12PM Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Casa Maria	1:30PM Evang./ Soc. Min. Mtg– CR 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	6PM Federation Friday—PH	1:00-3:00PM Grief Share presents: Surviving the Holidays—PH
<b>17</b> 26st Sunday after Pentecost	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b> 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor		11:30AM: St. Mark Table Talk—CR	6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir	Annual Reports Due at 12PM!	10am Scouting for Food collection
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<b>24</b> Christ the King	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b> 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship	6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee 7:00PM Church	6:00PM Joint Safety Mtg—CR		9:00AM St. George's Offices Closed Thanksgiving		
Carlinville Youth Retreat	Council Mtg.			Service Manksgiving		
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Assisting</u> <u>Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Chalice</u> <u>Bearer</u>	<u>Camera</u> <u>Operator</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Safety</u> <u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Coffee</u> <u>Hour</u>
November 3	Greg M.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 1
November 10	Danielle T.	Jan L.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Missy K.	Team 2
November 17	Sherri F.	Terry T.	Corbin M.	Mike M.	Aaron F.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 3
November 24	Charlie D.	Rick C.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Greg M.	Kathy C. or Nancy G.	Mark B.	Team 4





O give thanks to the Lord. for He is good: for His steadfast love endures for ever. Psalm 107:1



Ann & Greg M.	11/11
Diane & Robert M.	11/16
Anita & Darrell R.	11/26