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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

Welcome to St. Mark's

We're so glad you are with us today! Whether it is your first time at St. Mark's or you have been coming all of your life – we love seeing you here. Welcome and when, we say, “all are welcome,” we truly mean all! No matter where you are in your faith journey, this is a place for you. As we strive to embody Jesus' radical hospitality, we at St. Mark's

- Celebrate people of any age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, faith history, race, ethnicity, social, economic, and marital status; and
- Advocate for the full participation of god's people by working towards justice and equity for all.

A few housekeeping notes:

- We will be celebrating Communion today. Guests are most welcome to share this holy meal.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to check in on Facebook or other media sites and/or to post the “good news” you experience today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off so that it doesn't cause a distraction for other worshipers.
- All of the hymns and liturgy are found in your bulletin. Please respond with those parts printed in bold. Instructions to stand, sit, or respond are marked, but if you get confused, please ask a neighbor or follow everyone else. That's usually a good decision here.
- Worshipping with children is important to us! But we know that sometimes, it can be hard to sit still. “Busy Bags” are located in the rear of the sanctuary. At the front of the sanctuary, on the right-hand side, there is a soft space for young ones to move around.
- Restrooms are accessed by going to the back of the sanctuary, up the stairs, through the McCarney room and down the hall to the right. If you need further directions, please see an usher at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Our team of ushers is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive listening devices are available. Speak with an usher about this.
- Items marked with (**) asterisks note when you are invited to rise in body or spirit.

- If you are interested in learning more about the church or joining our congregation, please reach out to Pastor Karyn, pastor@stmarksconshy.org

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Dulcimer Ensemble

WELCOME

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gracious God, we gather once again to offer You praise and thanksgiving
for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant us grace to worship You in spirit and in truth. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to recognize You here among us.

Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You,
and confidence to follow where You lead.

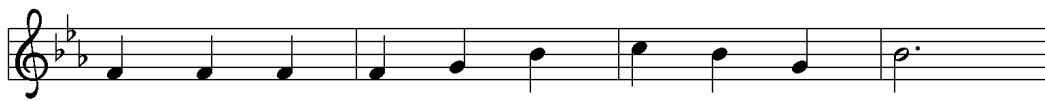
For You are our God, and we are Your people, called by Your name. Amen and Amen!

GATHERING SONG

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *(be seated)*

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God

assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

A reading from 1 Kings.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

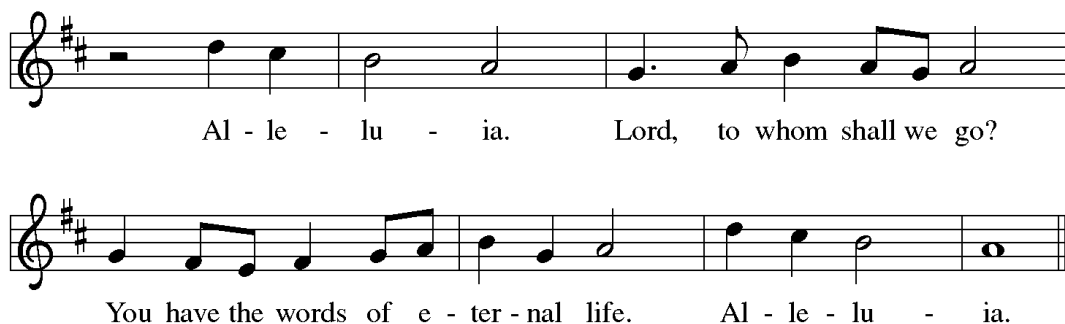
Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(be seated)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Blessing CNC Backpacks*

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Karyn L Wiseman

****HYMN OF THE DAY** *Beautiful Savior*



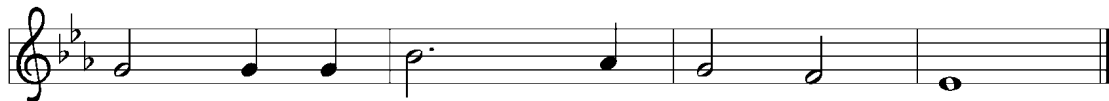
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer, especially Delores, Francis, Kathy Liberato, Ed, Nancy, Annie, Bobby, Jessica, Frank, Larry, Rose, Michael, Manny and Pam. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you. (be seated)

GOD SIGHTINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. To give electronically you can use this QR code or text “give” to 844-430-0285. At this time, contributions to “Current Ministry funds” are the most needed.



OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

****OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

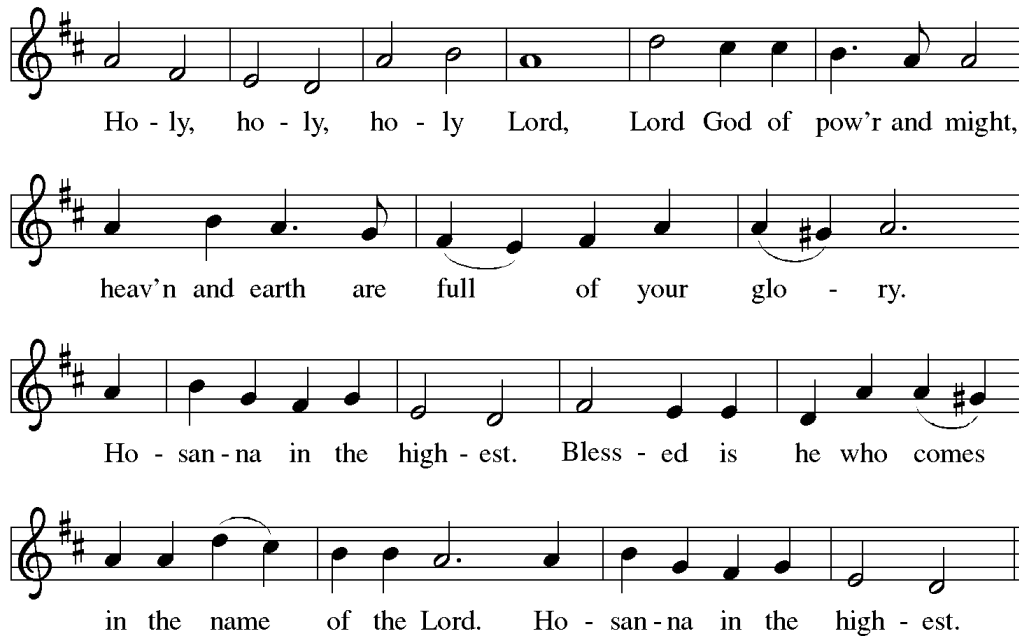
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

Today, we will celebrate communion at the rail. the ushers will direct you. you will receive the bread from the pastor. gluten free bread is available, just alert the pastor. apple juice is available in the cup tray. The apple juice is in the middle of the tray.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. *(be seated)*

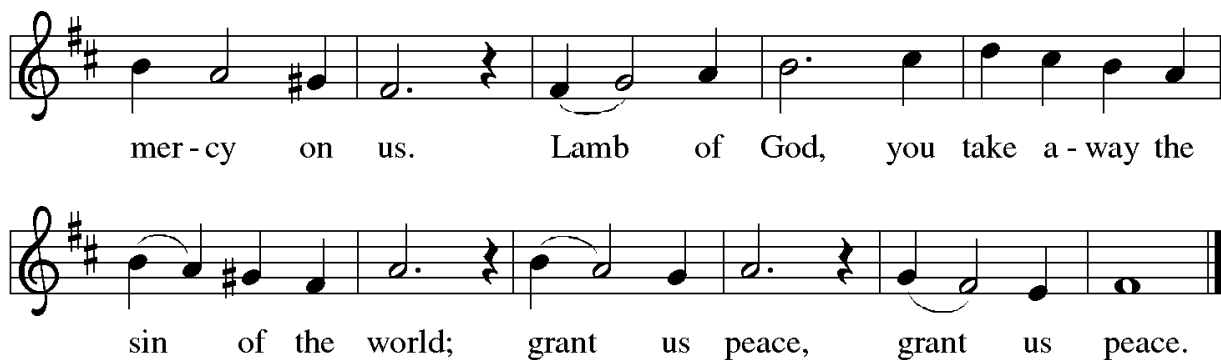
LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Creator, ☩ Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

When Peace Like a River



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Whispering Hope

Septimus Winner, 1868

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Worship and Music Ways We Worship and Praise God

WELCOME!

This morning we welcome and thank for leading worship and sharing their musical gifts with us!

The ABJR Dulcimer Ensemble players are:
Amy Faga: Mountain Dulcimer
Rich Hartman: Guitar
Joe Jacovino : Bowed Psaltery, Mountain Dulcimer
Beth Slating: Mountain Dulcimer

**WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH KICK OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
LET'S HAVE A PARTY! DETAILS TO COME ...**

BLESSING OF OUR BACKPACKS, WORK BAGS ETC. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

On Sunday, September 13th, bring your own backpacks, computer bags or other bags you use for school or work to worship and we'll bless them for your use and the many ways we serve God as we work and learn!

FALL SERMON SERIES

Looking to the Fall, PK will be preaching a sermon series on Robert Schnase's book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, as we continue to work to make St. Mark's as vital and vibrant as possible. If you'd like to join in reading this book with her, let PK know so we can order copies. From the book, PK will be preaching on these five practices of fruitful congregations:

- radical hospitality,
- passionate worship,
- intentional faith development,
- risk-taking mission and service,
- and extravagant generosity.

Stay tuned for more information on these vital practices and how St. Mark's can continue its ministry and lives out these important practices in our shared ministry.

OUR CHOIRS ARE OPEN TO ALL

There is a place for you to glorify God's name through song.

Bell Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 10 at 7:15pm-8:15pm.

This Choir is currently full but you can always join our substitute roster.

In addition to the Bell Choir we are continuing the Baby Bell Choir that will Rehearse on Thursdays from 6:30-7pm. It is designed for beginning ringers. There will only be 4 ringers and those ringers will rotate every month. We'll Rehearse for 3 or 4 weeks and then we'll play in church at the end of the month.

Adult Choir will resume on September 6 at 8:45am and will sing in church that morning and the first Sunday of each month. You don't need to read music or even have a "good" voice. All you need is a desire to use your voice to praise God.

Faith Formation Singers will resume on Sunday, September 20th at 11am-11:45am. We have lots of exciting things planned this year for our youngest disciples. Stay tuned.

The choirs at St. Mark's are open to all - all ages, all skill levels. If you need more information about our Choirs, please contact Andrew Monath at music@stmarksconshy.org for information.

Faith Formation
Ways We Learn and Grow in Our Faith

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES - Begin Sunday, September 20th

Service
Ways We Do God's Work With Our Hands

COMMUNITY MEAL

Join Us for a Free Meal Every Thursday @ 6pm. We invite you to join us for our Community Meal on Thursday evenings at 6pm, downstairs in the Auditorium (downstairs) which will continue throughout the summer months ahead. We especially could use help with clean up around 6:45-7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

BACKPACK COLLECTION FOR CNC BY THIS SUNDAY - AUGUST 9th

Once again, we're collecting Backpacks for the Colonial Neighborhood Council (CNC). Drop off items at CNC or in the St. Mark's Parcel Room – the entrance is on 508 Harry Street. Need for info: please use the following:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4DA5A929AAFB6-64784614-back#/>

We'll be blessing them during worship before we get them over to CNC.

Thanks to all for your generosity and care of our neighbors!!



ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Did you know that St Mark's has a plot in the community garden? We would love your help watering! Please sign up on the sign-up genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AAA92EA2FBC16-64735517-stmarks#/>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Holly Holst: holly_jean380@gmail.com

SUMMER GIVING

Lots of folks travel during the Summer months, but our church expenses don't take a vacation. Please try to keep up with your giving throughout the Summer or bless us with an extra gift to help with increased cooling expenses like everyone else is dealing with. As always, thank you for



your faithful stewardship and your support for the ministry of St. Mark's. We appreciate all you do with your time, your talents, and your treasures.

THE FREE LITTLE PANTRY Did you know we have a "Free Little Pantry" right outside located on the E. 5th Ave. side of the building, on the sidewalk in between the two red wooden entry doors? There are two big, black bins. It's **only** for canned goods. "Take what you need, leave what you can" (but no donation is necessary!) So we can "build a longer table, not a higher fence."

Leading Us in Worship

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Karyn L. Wiseman
Dir. of Music Ministry	Andrew Monath
<i>Serving in Worship This Week</i>	
Reader and Intercessor	Kim Kriebel
Acolyte	Joanne Popowicz
Communion Assistant	Joanne Copestick
Altar Guild	Joanne Copestick
Ushers	George Kobi Doreen Hanna
Offering Counter	Pam Keebler
Offering Recorder	Joanne Copestick

<i>Serving in Worship Next Week</i>	
Reader & Intercessor	Kathy Pokalo
Acolyte	Kahley Fike
Communion Assistant	Calvin Schreiter
Altar Guild	
Ushers	Garrett Kriebel LJ Kriebel
Offering Counter	LJ Kriebel
Offering Recorder	Jennifer Schreiter

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