

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Season: A Proud History and A Bright Future!

October 24, 2021

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

(In-Person and Live-Streamed on Facebook and YouTube)



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Welcome to St. Mark's

Welcome to historic St. Mark's, a vibrant community of faith, which has gathered for worship since 1836 and in the current building since 1848. If this is your first visit with us, please know that we are delighted you are here. Please, introduce yourself and be sure to sign our guest book at either entrance to the Sanctuary and/or fill-out a Visitor's Welcome Card.



Health Safety: Everyone entering the St. Mark's Parish House, all parishioners and visitors, are asked to register with name and contact information, clearly printed. All adults and children, whether vaccinated or not, are be strongly encouraged to wear a mask. Everyone is asked to use sanitizer provided in several places in the Parish House foyer and also encouraged to sanitize at the time of leaving the building. Upon leaving a restroom, please wash hands with warm soapy water and sanitize prior to re-entering the Sanctuary. At the time of receiving Holy Communion at the communion rail, everyone is encouraged to maintain some distance unless with a family member. Your help and cooperation will be much appreciated. Please keep in your prayers those who are sick especially from COVID and ask God to be with them in their recovery. Peace, blessings and thanks. ~ Christian+

Weekly Worship and Prayer at St. Mark's: Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Eucharist at 12:00 p.m.; Compline on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. via Facebook live. The bulletin is identical for both Sunday Services with musical elements not included in the 8:00 a.m. Service.

The Breakfast Café, a program of our outreach ministry, is at 8:15 a.m. every Saturday. If you would like more information, please contact the church office at meganth@stmarksgo.org.

Children at St. Mark's: St. Mark's provides many children's activities and opportunities and welcomes you to contact our Director of Children's Ministry, Evan Knill at eknill107@gmail.com for more information.

Junior and Senior High Youth: Grand Rapids Episcopal Youth: G.R.E.Y. is a joint youth ministry between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches for youth in grades 6-12. We have weekly formation gatherings during the school year and service and social activities throughout the year. Please contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jeff Brown, for more information: jeffatgrey@gmail.com.

Adults: We offer the *Education for Ministry* seminar during the program year, an *Inquirers' Class* for those preparing for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirming one's faith and seasonal Wednesday or Sunday forums. Please, see Fr. Christian for more details. We also offer a Saturday book study for adults. For the book study, please contact Carmela McIntire at carmela0067@att.net.

A Note about Cell Phones: We ask that you turn off your cell phone; if you are on call, please turn it to vibrate when you enter the church.

Rest Rooms are located on the main level of the Parish House under the exit sign at the top of the Foyer ramp.

Parking on Sundays: Limited parking is available in the Parish Lot. Therefore, consider the free metered parking on Pearl, Ionia, Lyon, Fountain and other streets near the church, the upper and lower levels of the GRCC building on Fountain Street and the Ellis Parking Lot at 210 Ionia just west of Lyon Street. For the Ellis Lot: Please, pick up an exit ticket from an Usher, a Greeter or on the little table where the bulletins are in the north transept. Parking is free on Sunday only. A white ticket is required to accompany the parking ticket and to exit the lot.

The Gathering of the People

Prelude – I have Given My Cares over to God

Johann Pachelbel

Lector I - Welcome

Introit – Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

James E. Moore

Gathering Hymn – Blue Hymnal No. 535: Ye servants of God

Paderborn

Presider I Greeting

Presider I: † Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

People: **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.**

The Confession of Sin

Presider I: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider I and People: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider I: † Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen**

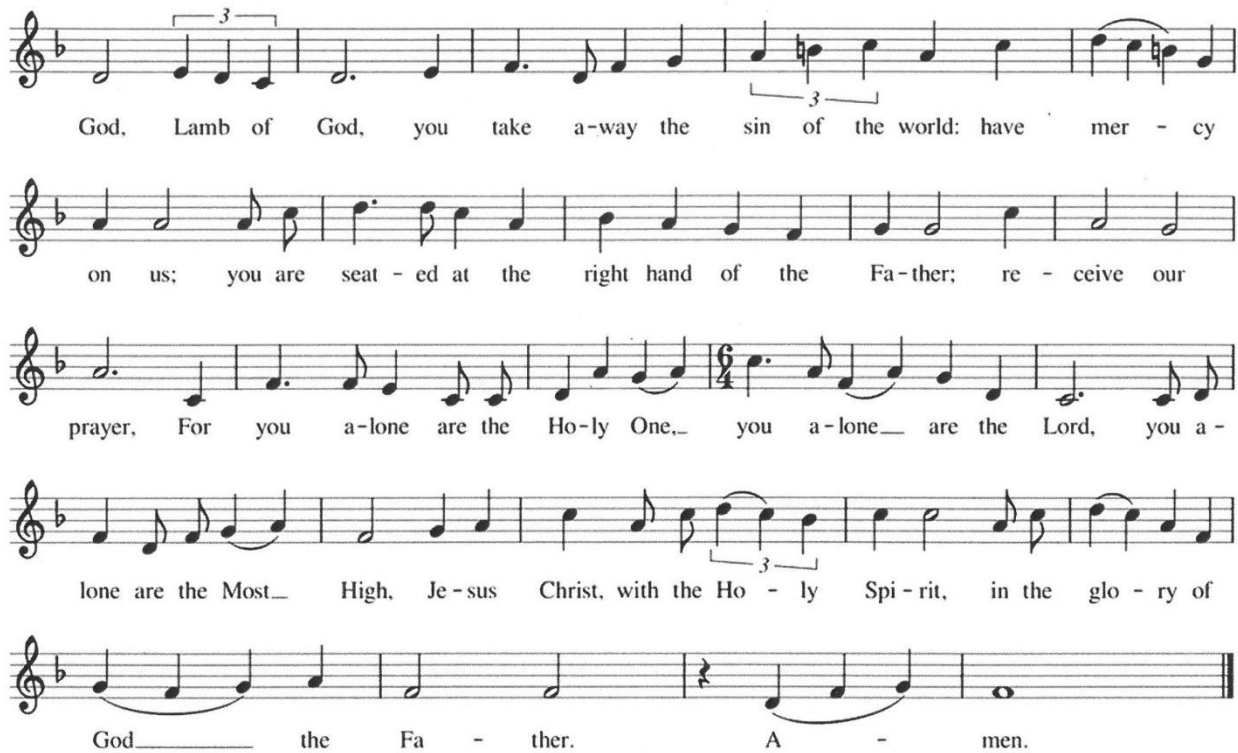
Gloria to God (Spoken at 8:00 a.m. and sung or spoken at 10:30 a.m.)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace _____ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -

might - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord



Collect of the Day (*Standing as able*)

Presider II: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider II: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Hebrew Scripture (*Seated as able*)

Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Lector I: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

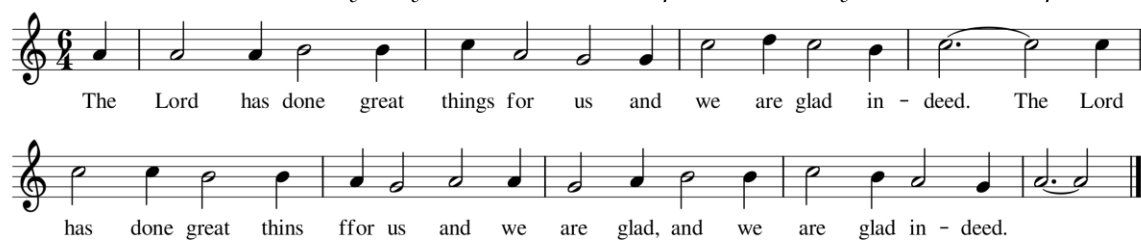
Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector I: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 – (8:00 a.m. Prayed by all; 10:30 a.m. Antiphon intoned by the choir and repeated by all)



1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

Antiphon

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Antiphon

The Christian Scripture

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Lector II: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector II: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn - Blue Hymnal No. 691: My faith looks up to thee

Olivet

The Gospel

Mark 10: 46-52

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 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." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 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." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Susan York

Nicene Creed (*Please note the language for the Spirit.*)

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 a 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, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit 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.

Prayers of the People (*All remain standing as able*)

Lector I: During the periods of silence, I invite you to offer additional prayers either silently or aloud and respond: "O God, hear us."

Lector II: O God, grant that the Christian Tradition throughout the world may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: O God, give us genuine gratitude for the gifts you have given us at St. Mark's. We thank you for this season of giving as we prepare for a bright future.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: O God, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; All bishops, priests and deacons and all who minister in God's Name especially here at St. Mark's.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: O God, guide our President, Governor, Mayor and all elected officials. Give them a true understanding of the dignity of all people, to help end racism, bullying, intolerance and violence of any kind. Guide all the nations of the world in the ways of justice and peace.

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: O God, we give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. We pray for the celebrations and needs of those gathered here and ask God's blessing on Darren Walhof and John Slagter who will be married here this afternoon. *(Silence to include individual thanksgivings)*

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector I: O God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We remember those on our Parish Prayer List found in the bulletin, the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and all those for whom we have promised to pray. We especially remember those suffering from COVID and natural disasters of any kind. *(Silence to include additional prayers)*

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Lector II: O God, we commend to your mercy all who have died that they may know your peace. We especially remember Helena Westrate whose life we will celebrate tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. and those who have died due to COVID and those who will die this day unloved or unattended. *(Silence to include additional prayers)*

We pray: **O God, hear us.**

Presider II: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Hear now, O God, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Peace

Presider II: May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider II: Respectfully, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Announcements

Stewardship Witness – David Buller

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Music – Hear Thou My Prayer

Gordon Young

Doxology *(Standing as able: 8:00 a.m. prayed by all; 10:30 a.m. sung by all)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, O heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

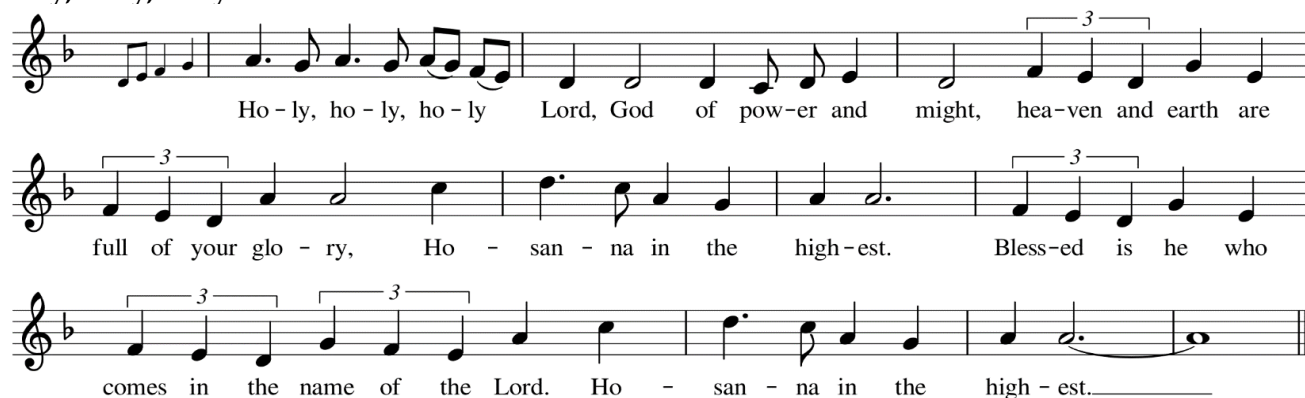
The Great Thanksgiving *(Spoken at 8 a.m., Sung or spoken at 10:30 a.m.)*

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, the second for the People, the third for the Celebrant, and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." (Staff 1), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." (Staff 2), "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." (Staff 3), and "It is right to give him thanks and praise." (Staff 4).

Presider I: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

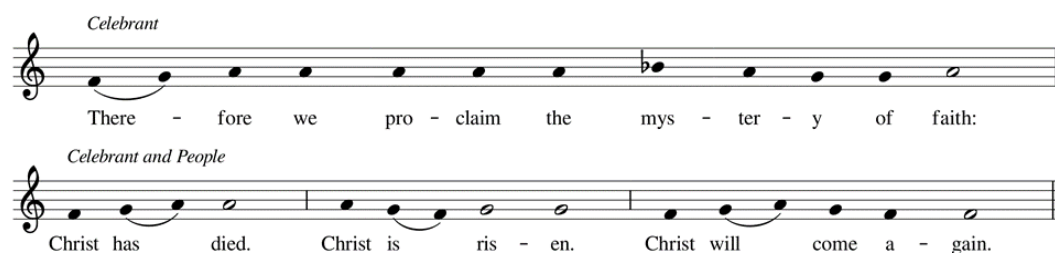


The people may stand or kneel as the Presider continues.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 in the remembrance of me."

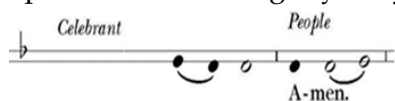
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do This for the remembrance of me."



Presider continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

†Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. †Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Let us pray the Lord's Prayer in whichever language or version you prefer.

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.

(Spanish) Padre nuestro, que estas 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 deyes caer en la tentación y libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Reception of the Sacrament



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

Presider: Please, be assured that those distributing the Sacrament have sanitized. Please, follow the ushers to receive the Eucharist at the communion rail by proceeding up the center aisle, fill-in the communion rail from right to left and return via the side aisles. Feel free to kneel or stand and remain socially distanced. Those in the north transept will receive Communion first. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest. All are welcome to the 'Table of the Lord'.

Instruction for Receiving Holy Communion

All who seek a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. Parent(s), please feel free to make a decision for your child. Please, follow the lead of the Ushers to receive the Sacrament, extend your hands, or place them over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn – Green Hymnal No. 722: O Christ, the healer

Kedron

Post-Communion Prayer *(Standing as able)*

Presider II: Let us pray.

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

The Blessing

Presider I: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the †Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.** (1 Thessalonians 5:13-22)

Hymn of Sending Forth - Blue Hymnal No 493: O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude – Praeambulum in d

Heinrich Scheidemann

You are invited to participate in the tradition at St. Mark's to remain seated until all the candles are extinguished and the postlude has ended, fitting ways to conclude our worship together. Thank you.

Please, join us for fellowship and conversation, as our celebrations continues in the Parish Hall. A reminder that when the Rector preaches, his homily is available on the Resource Tables of the Church. Please, feel free to take a copy for further reflection. All homilies are video-taped and can be found at www.stmarksg.org at the Media tab and on YouTube at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Altar Flowers

The flowers at the Altar are provided
by John Slagter and Darren Warhof
in Celebration of their marriage this afternoon

Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2021

Offertory and Ways to Give to St. Mark's Episcopal Church

- 1.) Place check or cash in the offering plate
- 2.) Electronic Giving (email Pam for form – see the attachment in our e-news)
- 3.) Give+ Mobile App from any mobile device
- 4.) Pay by text - text 616-205-9714 from your phone and send in a payment
- 5.) Mobil App Square cash - Cashtag: \$stmarksg Web address: [cash.me/\\$stmarksg](https://cash.me/$stmarksg)
- 6.) Mail in a check to the church
- 7.) Online at our website at www.stmarksg.org through PayPal



Sustaining St. Mark's Ministry in 2021

The total budget for 2021 is \$654,938, which requires an estimated \$12,595 income per week. The total pledged amount for 2021 is \$480,746. Last week, we received \$15,195 in pledges and offerings. That amount included pledges paid by mail, online through Give Plus, PayPal, and regular giving.

Weekly:	Total Weekly Contributions Needed:	\$ 12,595
	Total Weekly Contributions Received this past week:	\$ 15,195
	Total Weekly Endowment Operating Allocation	<u>\$ 1,880</u>
	Difference:	\$ 4,480
Year to Date (YTD):	Total Contributions Needed YTD:	\$528,990
	Total Contributions & Pledges Received YTD:	\$574,126
	Total Operating Expenses YTD:	<u>\$464,113</u>
Current YTD:		\$110,013

Thank you for maintaining your pledge and giving whether pledged or not.
Pam Stevenson, St. Mark's Finance Manager

Notes in Brief

In Grateful Thanks, today's Lectors/Intercessors: Janice Tennant, 8:00 a.m.; Bea Rocco and Steve Manskar, 10:30 a.m.

Stewardship Season: October 24 – November 21

The official kick-off of the 2022 Stewardship Season and the offering of gifts for the ministry of St. Mark's begins today. Letters with pledge cards went out and extra cards are available on the Welcome Desk of the Parish House and the Resource Table in the North Transept. Please, consider giving back a portion of God's many gifts to you for our life at St. Mark's. We firmly believe God will bless you! ~ *Stewardship Ministry*

October 31 All Hallows Eve at St. Mark's and Open House: Children and youth are asked to consider wearing their costumes for Halloween to church. Formerly, a religious observance, October 31, is the Eve of All Saints Day. The classrooms on the lower and third levels and Christian's office will be open and goodies will be available in several places. Please feel free to tour the several floors of the Parish House. Come and enjoy.

Choral Evensong of Remembrance, November 1, 7:00 p.m.: Please, join us for Evensong sung by the choirs of St. Mark's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to remember those who have died over the past year especially those from COVID.

Gifts for Christmas: November 7

On All Saints' Day, November 7 after the 10:30 Service, Global Gifts (A Fair Trade gift shop), art from our neighbors at Heartside Ministry and traditional St. Mark's Christmas Cards of the Nativity Window in the Chapel will be in the Parish Hall as gifts to consider for Christmas. There may be a few silent auction items as well. Stay tuned! Please, consider shopping that day. ~ Christian+

All Saints' Day and Baptism Sunday: November 7: This year, All Saints' Day will be transferred to Sunday, November 7. We will pray for all those who have passed away over the past year. There are forms on the resource table and welcome desk for the names of your loved ones. On Sunday the 7th, we will offer baptisms for infants, children and adults. If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to be baptized on that day, please, see Fr. Christian as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Sound of Music at the Civic, December 12 at 2 p.m. – 30 tickets are available for purchase. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome desk for tickets. Payment can be placed in Pam's mailbox.

St. Mark's Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Dr. Christian Brocato, Rector
The Rev. Susan York, Priest Associate
The Rev. Jan Gockerman, Deacon
Megan Harding, Parish Administrative Associate
Pam Stevenson, Finance Manager
Dr. Greg Crowell, Director of Music
Evan Knill, Director of Children's Ministry
Jeff Brown, Director of Youth Ministry
Kate Pyles, Chair Communications Ministry
Ronnie Brown, Sexton
Doris Molina, Weekend Sexton
Wendell Chivis, Sexton Associate

Prayer requests:

Sam Bateman
The Bedford Family
Leandro Binuya
Chuck Bocskey
Sallie Bowie
Cathy Capogna
Catherine Frerichs
Santa Garcia Heinemann
Lynn Homeyer
Shawn Jones
Jennifer Julius
John and Paul Lavigne
Sarah McIntire
Jean McCormick
Ally Nichols
John Oatley
Aila Olivia
The Polanski Family
David Pyles
JoEllen Schneider
Dale Van Kley

Our homebound parishioners:

Irene Haizman
Shari Takus
Jean Zylstra
Sue Allen
Gertrude DeAguire
Nita and Chuck DeGraaf
John Gracki
Larry Manglitz
Irene Savara
Shirley VanDerBos
Roma Warmington

Those in the Military Service

Col Timothy Brower Sr. USA
Col Gabriel Monsalvo, USMC
Lt. Col. Todd Murray, USAF
1/Sgt Deidre Piechocki, USA