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Outdoor Service & Celebration

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The Order of Matins

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✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today, as we gather to worship the Lord in the beauty of His creation, we remember the amazing power of Jesus and the salvation that He has won for us by His death and resurrection. On our own we are lost. On our own we are powerless. On our own we have no hope. But Jesus delivers us in love and walks by our side, so that no matter what we might face, we need never be afraid.

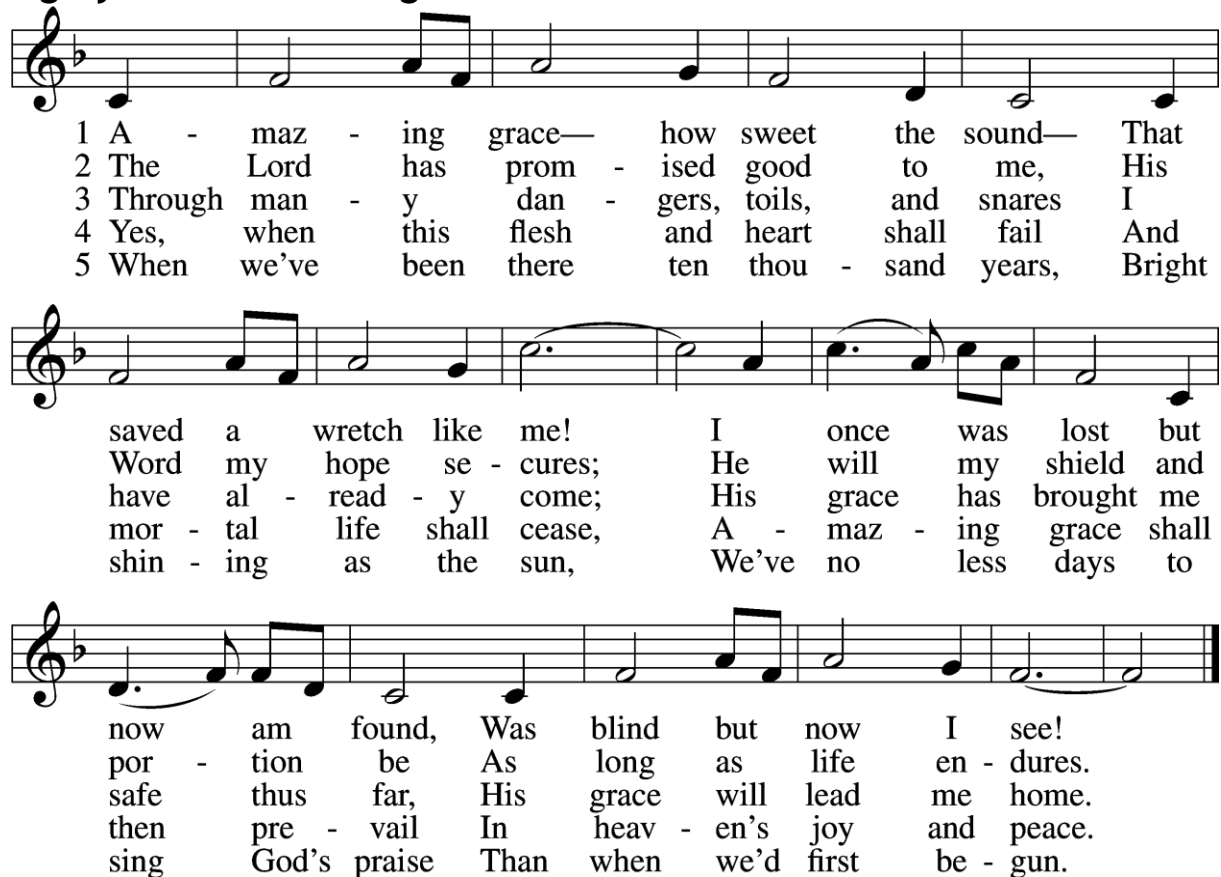
If you are a visitor here today, we rejoice to have you with us! We hope you will continue to join us for worship (Sundays at 9:30am) and Adult Bible Class (Sundays at 10:45am). Sunday school for children will begin in September, meeting at the same time as Adult Bible Class.

Also, we hope everyone will stick around after today's service for a BBQ lunch!

Welcome

Stand

Opening Hymn: 744 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Opening Versicles

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

Psalm (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: vv. 1–2

- P** Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
C For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
- P** He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
C Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
P For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
C God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
C For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

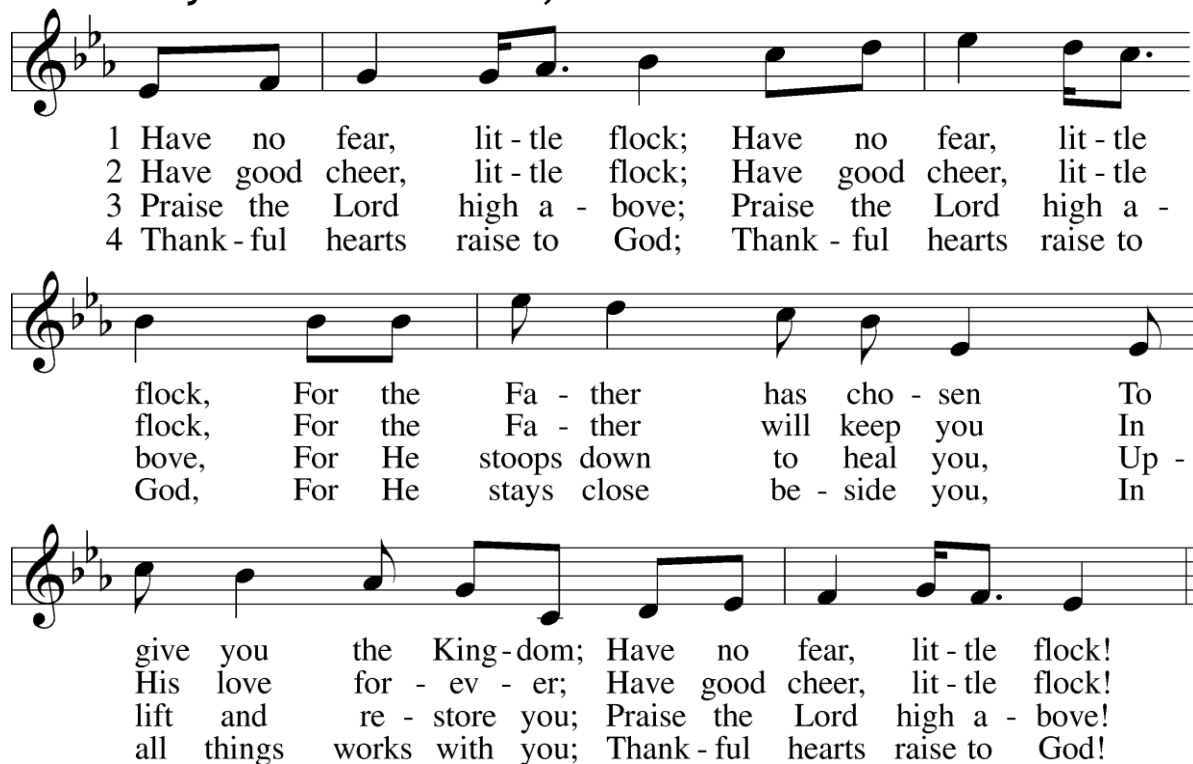
P Let us pray.

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In

give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

²⁸And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Apostles' Creed (*spoken together*)

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Sit

Children's Message - *Children may come forward for the Children's Message.*

Office Hymn: 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Sermon

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book that can be found at both ends of each row of chairs.

VBS Hymn: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Sung by our VBS children

Stand

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P** Lord, have mercy;
- C** Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Salutation and Prayer of the Church

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

- P** Lord God, King of all the earth, graciously receive our prayers and our praise.
Subdue the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, that we may share in the victory that
Christ has won for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord of the earth, our Savior once walked on the water, calling Peter to come to Him
upon the waves. Help us to be courageous in all things, never fearing the troubles of
this life, remembering that Christ is ever with us and empowering us to trust always
in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P Creator and Preserver of all things, You govern and sustain the earth for our good and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Bless the labor of those who produce food and shelter, safety and peace, and likewise bless all those in need. Lead us to recognize Your gracious hand in all things and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord and Giver of life, we thank you for a joyous week for our VBS children and families. We ask that you would bless the proclamation of Christ, that it might bear fruit in their lives through the Holy Spirit, carrying them all in faith unto eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, graciously regard those who are sick, recovering, or needing Your comfort this day, [*especially* _____]. Look upon them with favor, and heal them of their infirmities, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

[*Psalm 103:1, 2 Corinthians 13:14*]

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

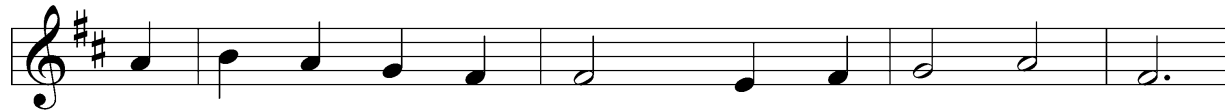
P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 7/24 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m. (will take place outdoors)
- **Church BBQ** 10:45 a.m.

Mon. 7/25 Pastor's Day Off

Office Manager, Debbie, Off

Tue. 7/26 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wed. 7/27 Office Manager, Debbie, Off

Thu. 7/28 Pastor out of the office in the p.m.

Fri. 7/29 Distribution of August's Newsletter

Sun. 7/31 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- **Divine Service** 9:30 a.m.
- **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m.

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & BBQ TODAY – This morning's worship service will be held outside beneath the big tent starting at 9:30 a.m. During the service, the children from the VBS program will be performing one of the songs they learned during VBS week. After the outdoor service, we will also be holding our annual church BBQ! St. Mark's Board of Elders will be supplying hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and drinks. If you (and your family) plan on attending, we ask that you please bring a dish to pass. (Desserts are also welcome.) There will be lots of fun fellowship and kids' games to enjoy too! We hope your family will join us this morning!

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT – Everyone is welcome to join us for a **FREE** Outdoor Movie Night here at St. Mark's on Friday, August 19. The movie is yet to be determined, but it will be a PG-rated movie that the entire family is sure to enjoy! Popcorn and drinks will be available for free also.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2022! Our Board of Elders is leading a reading program in which we will be going through the entire Bible in the year 2022. We hope you will participate! Yearly reading plans are available on the back table in the sanctuary.

The readings for Week 30 (July 24-July 30) are:

Sun	24-Jul	Isaiah 35-37
Mon	25-Jul	Isaiah 38-40
Tue	26-Jul	Isaiah 41-43
Wed	27-Jul	Isaiah 44-46
Thu	28-Jul	Isaiah 47-49
Fri	29-Jul	Isaiah 50-52
Sat	30-Jul	Isaiah 53-56

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp.

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and **link your shopper's bonus card to St. Mark's** so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. If interested (and we hope you will be!), please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper's Bonus Card to our congregation: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. In order to locate St. Mark's Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

KEITH ELEMENTARY “INVISIBLE DAD” LUNCH PROGRAM DONATIONS – Keith Elementary's Invisible Dad Lunch Program was started a few years ago by a dad of one of the students so that if a child forgot to bring a lunch, or if their personal lunch fund balance was short, the school could offer them a full lunch at no cost instead of the free, state-sponsored “tiny lunch” that doesn't contain enough food and isn't the healthiest. St. Mark's has placed our Invisible Dad Lunch donation jar back on the table in the back of the sanctuary so that we can receive any extra change you'd like to donate for next year's lunch program at Keith. We hope you will participate by donating any loose change you have!

SEEKING A VOLUNTEER TO BE LWML PRESIDENT AT ST. MARK'S - St. Mark's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) board is seeking someone to fill the role of president. The LWML is the leading group for Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod's women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness. As Lutheran Women in Mission, these ladies joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Some of the duties St. Mark's LWML president would perform include being the liaison between the LWML office in St. Louis, Missouri and St. Mark's LWML board, attending a few LWML Zone Rallies in our local area, overseeing some small mission fundraising events here in order to help support the work of missionaries, and assist with St. Mark's Quilting Group. If you have any questions about the LWML, or the duties of the LWML president, feel free to talk to Jennie Kaufman for more information. We'd love to find our new LWML president as soon as possible, so **if you'd be interested, please let Pastor Vergin know ASAP.**



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister

Pastor Aaron Vergin

Altar Guild

Ellen Rentola

Elder on Duty

John Sidelinker

Greeter(s)

Gail Fitzgerald

Offering Counters (July)

Debbie & John Sidelinker

Organist

Rob Wheeler

Usher

Tom Kaufman

Video Technician

None

Violinist

Joanne Wisti