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# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## AUGUST 2 & 3, 2025

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

#### Hymn

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

LSB 611

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| 1 Chief of sinners though I be,<br>Jesus shed His blood for me,<br>Died that I might live on high,<br>Lives that I might never die.<br>As the branch is to the vine,<br>I am His, and He is mine.       | Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,<br>Faith and hope to walk with God<br>In the way that Enoch trod.   |
| 2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,<br>Higher than the heav'ns above,<br>Deeper than the depths of sea,<br>Lasting as eternity!<br>Love that found me—wondrous thought!<br>Found me when I sought Him not. | 4 Chief of sinners though I be,<br>Christ is all in all to me;<br>All my wants to Him are known,<br>All my sorrows are His own.<br>He sustains the hidden life<br>Safe with Him from earthly strife. |
| 3 Only Jesus can impart<br>Balm to heal the wounded heart,<br>Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,   | 5 O my Savior, help afford<br>By Your Spirit and Your Word!<br>When my wayward heart would stray,<br>Keep me in the narrow way;<br>Grace in time of need supply<br>While I live and when I die.      |

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#### *Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*  
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** *♪ Lord, have mercy.*  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** *♪ Amen.*

### Gloria in Excelsis *♪*

LSB 154

- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
**C** *Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** *♪ And also with you.*  
**P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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 Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave

my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3*

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**C** *Alleluia.*

*Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 12:13–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**C** ♪ *Glory to You, O Lord.*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** ♪ *Praise to You, O Christ.*



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
Felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning skies,  
Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry feet  
Thou who hast by Thy might Led us in - to the light,



Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee;



Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be - gun,  
Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at last  
Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for - ev - er stand,



Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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# Sermon

## Stand Apostles' Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God, our Creator and Redeemer, You wonderfully created our human nature and yet more wondrously restored it. By the power of Your Spirit, set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated, and renew us more and more in Your image. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O Lord, guard Your Church, the people of Your own possession, and give to her honorable and noble men for the Office of the Holy Ministry. Likewise grant gracious and devoted men and women commissioned for the teaching arts and works of charity within Your Church. Make us rich in the treasure of Your grace that will never disappoint us, that we may give generously toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, You promise to provide for all our needs of body and soul. Defend our hearts from focusing on worldly wealth and our families from the strife that flows from the love of money. Lead us to trust Your fatherly care in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, protect us and our neighbors from those who seek to do us harm. Restrain those who senselessly commit acts of violence against others, and keep in peace and safety those who live and work in places of danger. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, be near to the suffering, the dying and the grieving [*especially Your servants* \_\_\_\_\_]. Sustain them in the truth that their lives are even now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory. Give them compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that their suffering may be alleviated and their minds and bodies returned to health. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, You consecrate the gifts Your people bring and offer for us the very body and blood of Christ for our salvation. Give us hearts to treasure this everlasting gift, and so protect us from the love of fleeting riches. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, give holy wisdom to Your dear children, that they may see through the illusions of this world and, being tempted by no temporary pleasures, arrive at the salvation promised to those who trust in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, because we do not know what we need or how to ask, lead us by Your Spirit to trust in Your wisdom and to have confidence in Your grace, for this life and even forevermore. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Sit Offering

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

## Stand Offertory ♪

LSB 159

- C** **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**  
*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** ♪ **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** ♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** ♪ **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

**The Words of Our Lord**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

**Pax Domini**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** ♪ Amen.



- ☐ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Sit Distribution Hymns**

*Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

LSB 704

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| <p>1 Renew me, O eternal Light,<br/>             And let my heart and soul be bright,<br/>             Illumined with the light of grace<br/>             That issues from Your holy face.</p> <p>2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me<br/>             And cleanse all my impurity<br/>             That I may have the strength and will<br/>             Temptations of the flesh to still.</p> | <p>3 Create in me a new heart, Lord,<br/>             That gladly I obey Your Word.<br/>             Let what You will be my desire,<br/>             And with new life my soul inspire.</p> <p>4 Grant that I only You may love<br/>             And seek those things which are above<br/>             Till I behold You face to face,<br/>             O Light eternal, through Your grace.</p> |
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*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

LSB 761

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| <p>1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br/>             Let me hide myself in Thee;<br/>             Let the water and the blood,<br/>             From Thy riven side which flowed,<br/>             Be of sin the double cure:<br/>             Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.</p> <p>2 Not the labors of my hands<br/>             Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;<br/>             Could my zeal no respite know,<br/>             Could my tears forever flow,<br/>             All for sin could not atone;<br/>             Thou must save, and Thou alone.</p> | <p>3 Nothing in my hand I bring;<br/>             Simply to Thy cross I cling.<br/>             Naked, come to Thee for dress;<br/>             Helpless, look to Thee for grace;<br/>             Foul, I to the fountain fly;<br/>             Wash me, Savior, or I die.</p> <p>4 While I draw this fleeting breath,<br/>             When mine eyelids close in death,<br/>             When I soar to worlds unknown,<br/>             See Thee on Thy judgment throne,<br/>             Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br/>             Let me hide myself in Thee.</p> |
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*Christ Be My Leader*

LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
 Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
 Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
 Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
 Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
 Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
 Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 *Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.*

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*Stand* **Thank the Lord** ♪

*LSB 164*

☐ *Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**Post-Communion Collect**

☐ Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ ♪ *Amen.*

**Benediction**

*LSB 166*

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☐ ♪ *Amen.*

**Hymn**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*LSB 805*

△ 1 *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

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Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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## Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: [www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar](http://www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar).

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:

- with thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.
- for the Synod's pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching God's truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.
- that God would bless the work of directors of Christian education, as they develop educational ministries for children, youth, adults and families.

## Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, August 3 ..... 1 Samuel 17:48-18:9; Acts 27:9-26  
Monday, August 4 ..... 1 Samuel 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44  
Tuesday, August 5 ..... 1 Samuel 19:1-24; Acts 28:1-15  
Wednesday, August 6 ..... 1 Samuel 20:1-23; Acts 28:16-31  
Thursday, August 7 ..... 1 Samuel 20:24-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-25  
Friday, August 8 ..... 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:16  
Saturday, August 9 ..... 1 Samuel 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

## **Worship Service Schedule**

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class resumes on August 20<sup>th</sup> (Books are available in the fellowship hall)

Handicapped Accessible Service—August 14, 10 a.m.



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## **Wurstmart & Country Store**

St. Mark's Annual Wurstmart & Country Store is coming up at the beginning of November. As your gardens are growing and producing fresh produce for canning and preserving, keep our Country Store in mind. We always have a need for Crafts, fresh produce, baked goods and canned goods. Thank you to all of our members who donate items for the Country Store.

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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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## **School Chapel**

Our first Chapel Service for the 2025-2026 school year will be on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Pastor Mark will lead the chapel service. In case of inclement weather we will have chapel in the school gymnasium.

## **School Schedule**

- Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Day of School will be Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. 8:15-2:55.
- PK3 First Day is Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. 8:15am - 9:15am, one hour only. No PK4 today.
- PK4 First Day is Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. 8:15am - 9:15am, one hour only. No PK3 today.

## **ONLINE Registration**—Monday—Friday, August 4 – 8, 2025

ALL students, PK3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade must be registered online through each student's TeacherEase account. This must be completed for each student attending SMLS.

## **Tuition Meetings**—Monday, August 11 & Tuesday, August 12, from 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

The meeting is mandatory for parents to go over financial information for Tuition and other fees for the upcoming school year. Appointments are approximately 15-20 minutes. Please call the school office to schedule an appointment, 618-965-3838.

## **Supply Lists**

Classroom supply lists have been sent out via Teacher Ease and are on the Church/School website at <https://www.stmarksteeleville.com/school-forms-publications>.

## **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time at our school this summer. There were many projects completed this summer including landscaping, new AC units, kitchen work, downstairs restrooms, and classroom upgrades. It is appreciated very much!

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,  
through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at  
the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

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and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*