



“So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

April 21st, 2024



17TH ANNUAL
ST. MARK GOLF OUTING
benefitting "EDGE Youth in Mission"

Saturday, June 1st, 2024
at Chippewa Golf Course in Curtice, OH

SHOTGUN START at 8:00 a.m.
LUNCH to follow

St. Mark EDGE Youth are excited to be hosting their 17th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Chippewa Golf Course in Curtice, OH. This event allows our youth to raise funds for their various activities and provides them with the financial means to serve in mission fields both near and far. Proceeds from this year's Golf Outing will not only allow us to serve our neighbors here in Northwest Ohio, but will also help fund our trip to this summer's ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. In NOLA, our youth will grow deeper in their faith through service, worship, & fellowship.

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT:

SIGN UP TO GOLF

The cost of this year's scrambles is \$75 per golfer and includes lunch, cart, and prizes. Shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m. Registration deadline for golfers is May 5, 2024.

BECOME A HOLE SPONSOR

Hole sponsors can be businesses or personal donors, and includes signage at a hole on the course as well as special mention in the program. The hole sponsor deadline is May 5, 2024.

DONATE ITEMS

Including bottles of water, golf balls, tees, gift cards, and special gifts that can be used in our basket raffles.

SIGN UP ONLINE AT **[STMARKTOLEDO.COM/GOLFOUTING](https://stmarktoledo.com/golfouting)**

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Hemminger at emilyinministry@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 419-691-3597.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support!

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Traditional Worship: 8:30 am
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 am

Pastor: Beth Giller

Youth & Family Life Director: Emily Hemminger
Choir Director: Cheryl Dunlap
President: Diane Lorenzen

Pastoral Care: Cindy Ritter
Organist: Kim Fletcher
Vice President: Andrew English

WELCOME TO ST. MARK! If you are a visitor, please worship with us again. Please send us an email if you are a guest, or need to update your information or you need assistance to smlc.office@yahoo.com. We also want to know if there have been any changes to your address or phone number, you can call the office or email with the new information.

We've seen the people of St. Mark band together to help each other and to reach out intentionally to our East Toledo community. If you feel led to support the mission of St. Mark, we encourage you to use our secure eGiving tools to make your offering. To learn more, visit www.stmarktoledo.com and look for the "Give" option in the menu at the top of the page. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

Upon entrance to the lobby from the parking lot, **AN ELEVATOR** is located down the corridor immediately to the right. It will take you to the sanctuary. **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available from an usher.

The *Still Ringing the Bell* Capital Campaign has received commitments of \$684,727 with \$210,359 cash received as of Friday, April 5th. This is an extraordinary response to God's grace and a powerful statement of the congregation's commitment.

If you are still deciding how to participate, there is still time! You can return your Statement of Intent by putting it in the offering plate or mail/bring it to the church office. If you have misplaced your Intent Card or need additional information, these will be available on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office.

10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024

(Lyrics & liturgy will be available on the screen or at the page numbers listed below)

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Benediction

Dismissal

Postlude

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #789 – “SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.
Amen.

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.
We are silent when we should speak up.
We keep score in our hearts.
We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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.

KYRIE (*Sung responsively. Music on p. 147 in front of hymnal*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (*Music found on p. 149 in hymnal*)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from Acts chapter 4, verses 5-12.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD ¹is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ¹in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹side still waters.**

³You restore my ¹soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹LORD forever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Music on p. 151 of hymnal*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

A reading from 1 John chapter 3, verses 16-24.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

The holy gospel according to John chapter 10, verses 11-18.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong

to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – “WALK THE WALK”

PASTOR BETH GILLER

HYMN #659 – “WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT”

APOSTLES’ 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

P. Lord, in your mercy,

C. Hear our prayer.

OFFERING – “RECOLLECTION OF JOY”

Donna J. Butler

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL (*Music on p. 182 of hymnal*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing,
gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Music on p. 152 of hymnal*)

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Music on p. 153 of hymnal*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

“CHILDREN OF GOD” – St. Mark Sunday School

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

HYMN #551 – “THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE”

POSTLUDE

LYRICS

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

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Blessed be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance
flow
Blessed be Your Name

Blessed be Your Name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your Name

Every blessing you pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

(chorus)

Blessed be the Name of the Lord
Blessed be Your Name
Blessed be the Name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your Name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your Name

Blessed be Your Name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your Name

Every blessing you pour out I'll
Turn back to Praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

(chorus 2x)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, Blessed be Your Name.
(repeat)

(chorus 2x)

COME ALIVE (DRY BONES)

Lauren Daigle

Verse 1

Through the eyes of men it seems
There's so much we have lost
As we look down the road
Where all the prodigals have walked
One by one the enemy has whispered
lies
And led them off as slaves

Verse 2

But we know that you are God
Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come
That we may not yet see
So with the faith you've given us
We'll step into the valley unafraid

Chorus

*As we call out to dry bones come alive
Come alive
We call out to dead hearts come alive
Come alive
Up out of the ashes let us see an army
rise We call out to dry bones come
alive*

Verse 3

God of endless mercy God of
unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter bring us back
the wayward son
And by Your spirit breathe upon them
Show the world that You alone can
save
You alone can save

Chorus

Bridge

So breathe oh breath of God
Now breathe oh breath of God
Breathe oh breath of God now breathe

Chorus

Tag

We call out to dry bones come alive

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Rend Collective

Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit, come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's
cause

Pre-Chorus

We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray*

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's power
Reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of
Christ

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2 x's

LECTOR (8:30 Service) – Kim Kruse

WE THANK – the St. Mark Sunday School and Traditional Choir for their gift of music this morning.

DART BALL NEWS – WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS! St. Mark hosted Trinity on Monday evening to determine 1st place. Arnie Brossia smashed a 2-run homer in the last inning to win the game 2-0. Trinity rebounded in the second game to capture a 5-4 victory. St. Mark bested Trinity in the final game 4-3. Tony Kaczmarec delivered a 2-run homer and Barry Ramlow added a solo homerun. All the players contributed to our success this year.

NEW BIBLE STUDY – Let's join together for a 6 Week Study on "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller beginning the week of April 29th. This is a DVD guided study-book optional. All are welcome. Led by Pr. Cindy Ritter. In Person sessions are on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Ladies Lounge. Online Zoom sessions are on Wednesdays at 7:11 pm.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES – Our Neighborhood Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 5 pm. Our next Kid's Night event will be on Wednesday, May 8th from 3-6 pm. We welcome those interested in volunteering to attend as well!

FOOD PANTRY – We are currently in need of boxes of Mac & Cheese and 10.5 oz cans of soup. If you would like to donate, please leave them in the bin in the lobby area. Thank you!

<i>Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget.....</i>	<i>\$8,024</i>
General Fund Giving.....	\$5,481
Dedicated Fund Giving (Includes Capital Campaign).....	\$4,236
Total.....	\$9,717

“General Fund” contributions are used for everyday church expenses.

“Dedicated Fund” contributions are directed to specific ministry areas and can only be used for that area.

March General Income: \$31,387
 March Dedicated Income: \$78,030
 March Expenses: \$31,664

At St. Mark, we glorify Jesus Christ when we
KNOW, LIVE, and SHARE the Word.

We **KNOW** the Word through study of the Bible, worship,
and developing and nurturing relationships with Jesus and others.

We **LIVE** the Word through prayer, perseverance,
and the power of the Spirit.

We **SHARE** the Word by boldly crossing boundaries, welcoming all.

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