



“I am the true vine.”

April 28th, 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.

This week's *Still Ringing the Bell* Capital Campaign financial figures will appear in next week's May 5th bulletin. We have had 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 28, 2024

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

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Offering – Special Music: “Child Of Love (We The Kingdom)”

Prayers

Words of Institution

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Dismissal

Postlude

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #367 – “NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN”

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 on p. 148 in hymnal*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

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**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from Acts chapter 8, verses 26-40.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31

- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹ fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹ and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts ¹ live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹ to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ¹ before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ ver the nations.**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- ¹ fore the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹ serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹ tions to come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹ yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ¹ LORD has acted!"

A reading from 1 John chapter 4, verses 7-21.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:
Thanks be to God.

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

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR BETH GILLER

HYMN #611 – “I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY”

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.

OFFERING

PRAYERS

P. Lord, in your mercy,
C. **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

HYMN #836 – “JOYFUL, JOYFUL”

POSTLUDE

LYRICS

TODAY IS THE DAY

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Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You
Jesus

I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for
me is good
It's good

Chorus

*Today is the day
You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day
You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it*

*And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day
Today is the day*

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind

I'm giving my hopes and dreams to
You Jesus

I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for
me is good
It's good

Chorus

(Musical interlude)

Bridge (2x`s)

I will stand upon Your truth.
(I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You
(And all my days I'll live) (Repeat)

Chorus

I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving you my fears and sorrows
Where you lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what you say
Today is the day

(5x`s)

Today is the day

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

MercyMe

[Verse 1]

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine, yeah

[Chorus]

*Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You, Jesus
Or in awe of You, be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees, will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine
I can only imagine*

[Verse 2]

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself
Standing in the sun
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine, yeah
I can only imagine

[Chorus] 2 x's

[Post-Chorus]

I can only imagine, yeah
I can only imagine
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

[Outro]

I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine

FOREVER

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Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever

Sing praise
Sing praise
Sing praise
Sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever

For He is good
He is above all things
His love endures forever

Sing praise
Sing praise
Sing praise
Sing praise

Sing praise
Sing praise
Sing praise
Sing praise

With a mighty hand
And outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever, forever, forever

LECTOR (8:30 Service) – Judy Zimmerman

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 next Kid's Night event will be on Wednesday, May 8th from 3-6 pm. Our next Neighborhood Dinner will be on Wednesday, May 29th at 5 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!

Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget.....\$8,024
Financial figures for this week will appear in
next week's bulletin.

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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