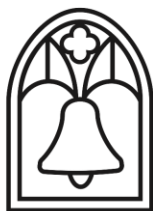




Ascension Of Our Lord

May 10th, 2026



ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Traditional Worship Service Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Praise & Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Beth Giller

Youth & Family Director: Emily Hemminger

Organist: Kim Fletcher

Pastoral Care: Cindy Ritter

Choir Director: Cheryl Dunlap

Council President: Diane Lorenzen

WELCOME! 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! If you are a visitor and would like to be more involved with St. Mark's ministry or would like more information, please send us an email at Smlc.Office@Yahoo.com, or call the office at (419) 691-3597. Thank you for worshipping with us!

CONTRIBUTE – 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 at the top of the page, or use the QR code on the back of this bulletin. The "**Still Ringing the Bell**" Capital Campaign has received commitments of \$763,995 with \$680,315 cash received as of Friday, May 8th. This is an extraordinary response to God's grace and a powerful statement of the congregation's commitment!

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS – Our summer worship hours will begin on May 31st. We will have one service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., bringing aspects of both the Traditional and Praise & Worship services into one.

10:30 a.m. Praise And Worship Order Of Worship

May 10th, 2026

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8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 10, 2026

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE – “CELEBRATION #4 IN F”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN ELW #631 – “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

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 *Music on pg. 138 in ELW*

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 pg. 139 in ELW*

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

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A reading from Acts chapter 1 verses 1-11.

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- ² **For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,**
- ³ who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
- ⁴ **who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**
- ⁵ God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- ⁶ **Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**
- ⁷ For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸ **God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**
- ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

A reading from Ephesians chapter 1 verses 15-23.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Music on pg. 142 in ELW*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 24 verses 44-53.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR BETH GILLER

ELW HYMN #634 – “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME!”

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 – “GOD’S AMAZING GRACE” BELL CHOIR

OFFERTORY – “CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART” *Music in ELW #186*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
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

ELW HYMN #671 – “SHINE, JESUS, SHINE”

POSTLUDE

LYRICS FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

AGNUS DEI (ALLELUIA)

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Alleluia. Alleluia,
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.
(repeat)

Alleluia. Holy, Holy
Are you Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb.
For You are holy. Holy

Are you Lord God Almighty.
Worthy is the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb. Amen

(Repeat from beginning)

I KNOW A NAME

Brandon Lake, Hank Bentley, Jacob Sooter, Steven Furtick CCLI Song #7247990 © Capitol CMG Paragon;

Verse 1

I know a Name
That can silence roaring waves
I know a Name
That can empty out a grave
I know a Name
It's the only Name that saves
And it's worthy of all praise

Chorus

I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Healer
Risen and reigning in power
Something comes out of the grave
Every time I call You Jesus
I call You I call You Savior
Worthy of glory forever
Something comes out of the grave
(Every time I call Your Name)

Verse 2

I have a King
With dominion over death
He holds the keys
In his holy nail-scarred hands
He is the heel
That has crushed the serpent's head
Our resurrected Great I Am

Bridge 1

Every time I call Your Name
Chains break dry bones wake
Every time I call Your Name
The gates of hell shake
(Every time I call Your Name)

Bridge 2

Where oh death is now your sting
And where oh grave your victory

Bridge 3

Dead things come alive (3 x's)
In the name of Jesus

HOLY FOREVER

Brian Johnson, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham CCLI Song #7201044 © Brian and Jenn Publishing

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Tag

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

10,000 REASONS (Bless The Lord)

Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman CCLI Song #6016351 © Atlas Mountain Songs; sixsteps Music

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Ending

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name

LECTOR (8:30 a.m. Service) – Kim Kruse

WE THANK – The St. Mark Bell Choir for their gift of music this morning.

OWLS – (Older Wiser Lutherans) will be meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 11:30 am at Oregon Inn on Bayshore Road. Please let Bob or Kathy Agoston know if you plan to attend.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY – We are currently in need of small cans of tuna fish, toilet paper and feminine product donations. There is a bin in the chapel. Thank you!

KID'S NIGHT – Our next Kid's Night event will take place this Wednesday, **May 13th** from 3:30 pm - 6 pm. Kid's Night is for PreK-8th grade. We provide fun activities, homework help, and dinner. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER EVENT – Our next Neighborhood Dinner event will take place on Wednesday, **May 27th** at 5 pm, doors open at 4 pm. We are always in need of volunteers, a sign-up sheet is in the lobby on the bulletin board.

ST. MARK YOUTH GOLF OUTING – St. Mark Youth are excited to be hosting their 18th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, at Chippewa Golf Course in Curtice, OH. Proceeds from this year's Golf Outing will help fund our youth's trip to North Carolina to continue disaster relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Helene! To register a team or become a hole sponsor, please visit the table in the lobby or go to stmarktoledo.com/golfouting. Interested in volunteering or donating items for the outing? See Emily Hemminger!

YOUTH FLOWER SALE – Support our St. Mark Youth Ministry by getting ready for spring at Knitz Greenhouse! Shop at Knitz Greenhouse April 18th – May 16th and mention "St. Mark Youth" at check out to give 15% of your total to our ministry! Cash, credit, and checks are accepted. Knitz Greenhouse is located at 8865 Arquette Rd in Oregon, OH.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Join us **June 8th – 11th from 5:30 - 8 pm**. Kids will hone their skills & face their fears under the Big Top at their very own circus! We will discover together that God's story is full of special people with gifts to share & bravery to show. Everyone has a place in God's family! Children PreK-5th grade (Children 3+ and potty trained) are eligible to sign up. Students will join a group of their peers with a trained group leader to experience VBS together! Each night will include dinner, music, crafts, games, and more. To sign up, visit www.StMarkToledo.com/vbs2026.html or contact Emily Hemminger at EmilyInMinistry@gmail.com.

FINDING BALANCE – Tuesdays from 6 pm - 7 pm in the St. Mark Chapel (starting Tuesday, May 12th). Led by Ryan Erard. In this weekly class, we will explore practical tools and insights on how to manage and remove stress. We will explore the mechanics of the brain and how the mind can heal the body. If you are experiencing grief and loss, anger, anxiety, depression, health issues, unwanted patterns, this class is for you! Let’s work together and make our inner world a better place. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost. Contact Ryan with questions at (419) 691-3597 or Ryanerard@yahoo.com.

APRIL INCOME / EXPENSE

General: \$25,630 (March \$34,509)

Dedicated: \$6,939 (March \$8,075)

Capital Campaign: \$7,736 (March \$17,470)

Expenses: \$35,785 (March \$35,862)

Week of 5/3/26 – 5/8/26

<i>Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget.....</i>	<i>\$8,293</i>
<i>General Fund Giving.....</i>	<i>\$6,776</i>
<i>Dedicated Funds Giving.....</i>	<i>\$1,203</i>
<i>Capital Campaign Giving.....</i>	<i>\$4,873</i>
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>\$12,852</i>

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

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

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