



# The Lion's Tale

MAY/JUNE 2025

## Installation of The Rev. Delaney Schlake-Kruse







## Resurrection Connection

As we celebrate the seasons of resurrection and Pentecost this summer we will hear many stories about the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the giving of the Spirit in the locked room on Easter night to the work of the Spirit on the first Pentecost in Acts, this season reminds us of the powerful work of God in the third person of the Trinity. When we profess our faith together using the words of the Nicene Creed, we say that the Holy Spirit is the “Lord, the giver of life.” When we say these words, we are naming the Spirit of God as the one who raises Jesus from the dead, bringing resurrection power to the

world. As we move into this season, we will have many opportunities for noticing the work of the Spirit in our midst through worship, service opportunities, and community connection.

I believe that the Holy Spirit works within and between each of us, preparing us to connect with each other and grow in love. As we get together at the beer garden, on the plaza, and over scripture this summer, I trust that God’s Spirit will join us, bringing about resurrection and new connection in our parish.

As we move into the season of the Spirit together, I offer you a poem from Mary Oliver all about the Spirit of God:

The spirit  
likes to dress up like this:  
ten fingers, ten toes,  
shoulders, and all the rest

at night  
in the black branches,  
in the morning  
in the blue branches  
of the world.

It could float, of course,  
but would rather plumb rough matter.

Airy and shapeless thing,  
it needs the metaphor of the body,  
lime and appetite,  
the oceanic fluids;  
it needs the body’s world,  
instinct and imagination  
and the dark hug of time,  
sweetness and tangibility,  
to be understood,  
to be more than pure light  
that burns where no one is —

so it enters us —  
in the morning  
shines from brute comfort  
like a stitch of lightning;  
and at night lights up the deep and wondrous  
drownings of the body  
like a star.

Delaney+

The Rev. Delaney can do it all. Including putting her own name on the St. Mark’s sign.




# St. Mark's Events

FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS  
AFTER CHURCH

## BIBLE STUDY

BEGINNING MAY 4  
11:30AM  
PARISH HALL



### Evening Prayer on the Plaza

Come to St. Mark's for evening prayer on the plaza this summer! Bring snacks, drinks, and a lawn chair for community and worship. We will gather on the plaza for songs and prayer at 6:30pm, followed by fellowship!

May 28  
June 18  
July 30  
August 20, meeting at 5:30pm before moseying to the beer garden at Francis Park!

## KIDS!

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR

- Hearing Stories
- Telling Stories
- Songs
- Costumes
- Challenges
- Painting
- Clay
- Indoor and Outdoor Fun
- Digging in the Dirt
- Surprises
- ... and More Fun, Fun, Fun!

**EVERY SUNDAY**  
**June 1 - September 7**  
9:30 am to the Peace During the Church Service  
Children over 10 years old can volunteer as helpers.



## St. Mark's @ the Park Beer Garden Fellowship

Join St. Mark's in the Rockwell Beer Garden at Francis Park this summer for fellowship and conversation. Bring a friend, and come spend time with friends new and old!

**Thursdays at 5:30pm**  
Rockwell Beer Garden  
5300 Donovan Ave,  
St. Louis, MO 63109

May 15  
June 12  
July 17  
August 20, starting with Evening Prayer at church at 5:30pm, followed by time at the beer garden!



**St. Mark's at the Ballpark**  
Sunday April 27th a group of St. Markans went to the St. Louis Cardinals game.





## From your Deacon...

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
After keeping our Alleluias under wraps for the penitential season of Lent, we can now shout them for all to hear – “Alleluia! Alleluia!” Easter is our season of joy and resurrection. And we are joyous, not just because of Jesus’s resurrection, but because of all the resurrections that surround us in God’s world, because of all the resurrections that happen daily in our own lives. We are joyous, and we are grateful.

Even in our Easter joy, I recall Jesus’s last supper with his disciples when he gave them (and us) a new commandment – “that you love one another, just as I have loved you. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Even where there are severe divisions and hurtful broken relationships in our common life together, love heals those wounds.

The love Jesus was talking about is what the Greeks call agape – sacrificial love that seeks the good and well-being of others, of our society, and of the world. Agape is love that gives without expecting anything in return, sacrificing part of oneself. This is a firm commitment to act for the benefit of others, to put our own self-interests aside.

Bishop Curry (who may be gone as our Presiding Bishop, but will never be forgotten) tells us that the easiest way for us to live a life of agape love is to be a part of a community who wants to give and receive love. This sounds a lot like the St. Mark’s community to me. Bishop Curry elaborates, “If you’ve got a loving community, you can rest in God’s loving hands anytime you want to ... Don’t give up on love. Listen to it. Trust it. Give into it. Obey it. Love can help and heal when nothing else will. May God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.”

In Christ,  
Deacon Jerre

## Musical Notes from Barbara

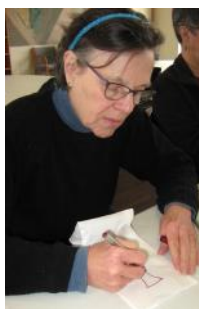


I’d like to thank everyone who attended and helped with the *Pipes for Parkinson’s* organ concert in March, co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and the St. Louis chapter of the American Parkinson’s Disease Association. About 70 people were in attendance--many, if not most of them not St. Mark’s or AGO members. I believe this gave St. Mark’s good visibility in the community. Many people commented on the beauty of the church, and the organ was universally praised by both audience members and performers. It was an enjoyable evening of music in varied styles, performed by 5 different organists. Our liaison to the Parkinson’s Disease Association expressed his gratitude for our hospitality and reported that they received about \$1,000 in donations to support their work. Thank you, one and all, for supporting this worthwhile project!

Barbara Raedeke



On April 6th the congregation created luminaries that were lit for the Easter Vigil.



## Godly Play

On April 13th, The Godly Play class participated in the Palm Sunday procession then reenacted the events of holy week. They heard the stories the previous week. Then, on Palm Sunday, they wore costumes, read from the Bible, and followed in Jesus' footsteps as they went from waving palms on the way to Jerusalem, to having their feet washed, eating the last supper, singing in the garden and carrying the cross. This year, Matthew played the part of Jesus.



The Godly Play class celebrated Easter Sunday by hearing several stories, both in the classroom and from Delaney in the church, waving a long Alleluia flag, joining the congregation at the peace, searching for Easter eggs, and enjoying the reception afterwards. (Also includes Easter Vigil Reception)



# Upcoming Events

**Wednesdays 7:00pm**

AA Meeting in Parish Hall

**Thursdays 7:30pm**

Choir Practice in Choir Room (last practice May 22nd)

**Fridays 7:00pm**

SMART Recovery Group in Parish Hall

**May 4th**

Bible Study after Service (see page 4)

**May 4th**

Rise Against Hunger at Emmanuel

**May 4th**

Manna March for Feed My People

**May 15th**

Beer Garden Fellowship (see page 4)

**May 17th**

Frankie Danieleley Rite 13 Ceremony

**May 17th**

Rite 13 Celebration in Parish Hall 5pm-7pm

**May 18th**

St. Mark's Celebrates Frankie Danieleley's Rite 13

**May 18th**

Bible Study after Service (see page 4)

**May 26th**

Memorial Day

**May 27th**

Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

**May 28th**

Evening Prayer in the Plaza (see page 4)

**June 1st**

1st Day of Pride Month

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Bible Study after Service (see page 4)

**June 12th**

Beer Garden Fellowship (see page 4)

**June 15th**

Bible Study after Service (see page 4)

**June 17th**

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**June 18th**

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**June 28th&29th**

St. Louis Pride Fest (more details to come)



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