



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

June 27, 2021 | 9:30

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

Lamentations reads, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases...great is your faithfulness." Jesus embodies the faithfulness of God that offers grace and healing. In today's gospel, Jesus healed a woman and a small girl. Those who sought Jesus' healing trusted in God's presence in him. In response Jesus said, "Your faith had made you well, go in peace." Like the woman who touched Jesus' cloak, may we dare to touch Jesus in our sin and "uncleanness," and healed by grace, may we live in faith as a community that sees no one as an outsider, rather sees only people with whom we can share God's love.

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.

The Offering will be brought forward by the usher during the Offertory Anthem.

Prelude

"Adagio in G Major for Cello"

Camille Saint-Saens
John Brumbaugh, cellist

The congregation stands as the cross is carried into the sanctuary.

Processional Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (ELW 853)

LAUDES DOMINI

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Then evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call: may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised! God's holy house of prayer
has none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"
4. Let all of humankind in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
5. Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!" God's whole creation o'er,
today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.; Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

Please be seated.

Welcome

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Confession.

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,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

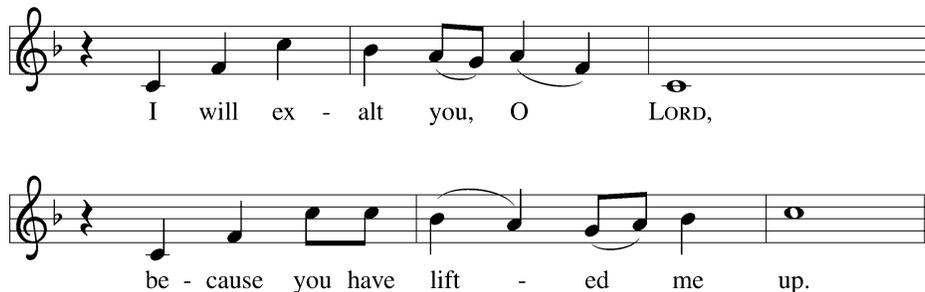
First Reading**Lamentations 3:22-33**

Jonathan Lakeman, lector

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*The Word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Psalm 30**

Delenn Rumbolo, cantor



I will ex - alt you, O LORD,
be - cause you have lift - ed me up.

Psalm 30:1 (Aaron David Miller) Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year B* © 2008 Augsburg Fortress**Second Reading****2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

Jonathan Lakeman, lector

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

*The Word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation***“Alleluia. Lord to Whom Shall We Go”**(organ only)**Please stand.*

The Holy Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” ³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

“Do not fear, only believe”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

(A devotional reading or homily may also be read, if this service is being used as a devotional.)

Anthem

“Meditation on ‘Healer of Our Every Ill’”

Tune by Marty Haugen

Setting for Cello and Organ by Jeremy J. Bankson

Holy Baptism

Presentation

Candidates for baptism, sponsors and parents gather at the font, and the pastor addresses the assembly.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water

and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsors present the candidate.

I present Olivia Gabriella Iannelli for baptism.

The pastor addresses the parents.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn and trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

The pastor addresses sponsors.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Olivia Gabriella Iannelli and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

The pastor addresses the candidates, as well as parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

The pastor addresses the parents, sponsors and assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The pastor leads the thanksgiving as water is poured into the font.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

Olivia Gabriella, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Olivia Gabriella with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Olivia Gabriella, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative redeeming word to all the world.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Melissa Smith, prayer assistant)

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Prayers.

Let us come before the triune God in prayer. *A brief silence.*

God of steadfast love, we pray for the work of the church in our city, country and world. May your church, leaders, members and friend light the way for programs that lead to Jesus touching the most marginalized in our midst and in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We give you thanks for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the land that provides our food. Help your church, with voice and hands, to work for a fair balance that protects creation, allowing all that lives to thrive and enjoy the abundance of your ongoing creation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Dear Lord, we pray for a deepening faith as strong as the diseased woman in the crowd that touched Jesus' cloak. May we recognize You at work in our lives every day, so that we may become the hands of Jesus in this world. We ask your tender care and sustaining touch upon: Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Jeffery Eckerd, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Jo Lammonds, Carl Sepmeyer, Jeff Casella, Mary Lou Kiser, Jim Hobbs, Paul Davis, Jimmy Schwartz, Doris Dixon, Ken Winters, Michael Frye, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Debbie Walden, Dene Shockley, Michael Kitchen, and the residents of Matthews Glen. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Righteous God, we pray for all nations and their leaders. Give them the Spirit of Jesus, who though he was rich, became poor that others might become rich; grant leaders compassion so

that the needs all people share in your abundance, that none among us would have too much or too little. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, we pray for a summer of safe gathering with family and friends. Please protect us on our travels and be with us as we reunite with those whom we have not seen, leading to re-creation of relationships and restoration of communities that have been pushed apart. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of eternal love, your mercies never come to an end. We give thanks for the faithful saints in every age who have pointed us to you. Help us to wear the yoke of faith knowing that it is light and heals us so that we might become healing to others. Help us not to fear, but believe, always pointing to your eternal love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

(please share words of peace while practicing "social distancing" as appropriate)

OFFERING

(Offerings may be placed in the plate at the sanctuary entrance)

(The offering is brought forward from the Narthex)

Offertory Anthem

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Tune by Lowell Mason

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(spoken)*

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.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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.

Invitation

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come to the holy meal!

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is now offered in two ways: a "Communion Kit," or wafer and wine in a small cup. Communion will be continuous beginning with the balcony, then the pulpit side, followed by the lectern side of the sanctuary. Please follow the ushers' directions, coming forward via the center aisle to the freestanding altar, returning via the side aisle. If receiving a "kit" please return to your pew via the side aisle to partake of Communion. Afterwards please seal the used Communion utensils in the zip-lock kit bag, and dispose of them after worship in the bowls available in the Narthex. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

Communion Music

"Elegy in C Minor for Cello and Piano"

Jacques Offenbach

"Prelude on 'When Morning Gilds the Skies'"

Setting by Peter Pindar Stearns

Please stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (ELW 733)

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**Postlude***"Hornpipe in F Major" from Water Music*

George Frideric Handel

Please join us for fellowship on the patio outside.



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Next Sunday Leaders: crucifer/acolyte: Maddie Thompson; ushers: Team B; greeters: Evelyn Gerdes, Eddie & Carol Goodall

Music Notes

"When Morning Guilds the Skies" ELW 853 dates to early 19th century Germany, and was penned by an unknown author. Though the title includes "morning" it is placed in our hymnal under "Praise, Thanksgiving." Any time is the right time to praise Christ--morning, evening, work or prayer. The original hymn had fourteen four-line stanzas plus the refrain at the middle and the end of each stanza! Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) wrote the tune **LAUDES DOMINI** (Praises of the Lord) for this

text. A favorite stanza not included in our hymnal: "Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell, may Jesus Christ be praised! O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings, may Jesus Christ be praised!"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ELW 733 was written in 1923 by Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960). The refrain is from Lamentations 3:23 "they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness", as well as a verse from James 1:17 in the first stanza "there is no shadow of turning with thee; due to change." Kenneth Osbeck writes of this hymn: "Of the many gospel hymns written on the theme of God's goodness and faithfulness, this hymn stands out like a beacon light. While many hymns are born out of a particular dramatic experience, this hymn was simply the result of the author's morning by morning realization of God's personal faithfulness". William M. Runyan (1870-1957) wrote the tune **FAITHFULNESS** for this hymn at the request of the hymn author.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

June 28, Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (c.130-c.202)

Irenaeus was a disciple of Polycarp, who had been a disciple of John the Apostle. Sent from Lyons to Rome during a time of persecution by emperor Marcus Aurelius, Irenaeus became bishop of Lyons upon his return. In his work, *Against Heresies*, Irenaeus battled against Gnosticism, a sect that emphasized secret knowledge about God rather than apostolic teaching. He argued the church must remain steadfast to apostolic teaching, and was the first to insist that the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were canonical. Irenaeus was also one of the first to speak of a "catholic" or universal church not limited to local congregations, or contained within national boundaries. In advance of the doctrine of the Trinity, he insisted on the monotheistic unity of the Father and the Son in the work of revelation and redemption.

June 29, Peter and Paul, Apostles

On this day we remember two different apostles. One denied Christ and the other persecuted Christ and his church. They held differing early views of the church, and yet our understanding of the gospel is richer because of their different theological perspectives. However, they are united by the tradition that says they were martyred together on this date in 67 or 68 AD. For us they are also united in their common confession of Christ Jesus, which is the foundation of the "one holy catholic and apostolic church" that we confess.

July 1, Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); John Mason Neale (1818-1866); hymn translators

Neale was an English priest associated with the movement for church renewal at Cambridge. Winkworth lived most of her life in Manchester, where she was involved in promoting women's rights. These two hymn writers translated many hymn texts into English. Catherine Winkworth devoted herself to the translation of German hymns, nineteen of which are included in the ELW; the fourteen hymn translations of John Mason Neale, included in the ELW, represent his specialization in ancient Latin and Greek hymns.

July 3, Thomas, Apostle

Thomas is perhaps best remembered as "Doubting Thomas." Yet Thomas was also fiercely loyal: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). Thomas is also a model for us of the movement from doubt to faith the Gospel of John. His bold confession, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28), occurs after Easter, again modeling for us what is to become our own confession of Christ as people of faith. The ancient tradition of the church is that Thomas traveled to India with the gospel establishing a Christian tradition that has flourished from antiquity to the present.

Parish News

From the pastor -

By unanimous vote of St. Mark's Congregation Council on May 20th, the restrictions of social distancing and masks have been lifted consistent with the CDC and the Executive Order of Governor Roy Cooper, "that fully vaccinated individuals can safely do most activities without a mask or the need to social distance from others"; as well as the NCDHHS guidance, "People who are not vaccinated should wear a mask and maintain distance in all indoor public settings and in outdoor settings when they can't maintain six feet of distance." Therefore, reservations are no longer needed. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

St. Mark's Council continues to take seriously the safety and the health concerns of all members and friends. Therefore, if individuals need or desire to wear a mask during worship, the Council wholeheartedly supports the continued use of masks for those who desire to wear them. The Council also voted that the first two rows of pews remain roped off to allow adequate space between musicians, lectors, worship leaders and the congregation as we continue our transition out of the pandemic. We have also restarted after worship fellowship with refreshments, weather permitting, on the church patio.

On June 14th, St. Mark's Council voted to add congregational singing of processional and recessional hymns, and also to offer Holy Communion in two ways in Sunday worship, either by "Communion Kit," or wafer and wine in a small cup. "Drive-Thru" Holy Communion ends June 27th, after that if Holy Communion is desired by anyone unable to attend Sunday worship, please contact me to arrange a time to come to the church to receive the sacrament.

As we continue in a time of transition, we also look to the future knowing that Jesus Christ is leading us toward a "new normal" of new ministries and opportunities. May we remain steadfast to following Jesus Christ who never leaves us, always walks with us, and gives us strength to be light and hope for the world.

In the grace and peace of Christ,
Pastor Tim McKenzie
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Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Baptism today We celebrate together with the Iannelli family as Olivia Gabriella Iannelli is made a member of Christ's body, the church, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. May God continue to bless Olivia and her family as they grow together in Christ!

"Hybrid Worship" is both in-person and online worship at the same time. The Holy Spirit gathers us both in-person and online as we continue to live together as the body of Christ during this pandemic.

Online worship continues to be streamed every Sunday at 9:30 am on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarksLutheran/>).

"Drive-Thru" Holy Communion will be offered on 6/27, from 10:45-12 noon. "Drive-Thru" Holy Communion will no longer be offered after the last Sunday in June.

Summer Sanctuary Wednesdays. During the summer St. Mark's sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation (6/9 - 7/28, 10:30 am-1:30 pm). Though not a worship service, it is an opportunity for individual prayer in the sacred space of our church home. In the comings and goings of the summer, let St. Mark's sanctuary also be a place of quiet midweek homecoming, prayerful summer renewal, and joyful sacred music. Resources for this time include a brief organ recital at 12 noon and a devotional bulletin prepared from the daily lectionary.

Stewardship

Offerings and pledges may continue to be sent to St. Mark's church office by mail or through online giving. For more information go to (<http://saintmarkscharlotte.org/stewardship/do-you-wish-to-make-a-donation/>). We have been blessed to be a blessing to others!

St. Mark's 2021 Stewardship campaign We continue to welcome your pledge of support for St. Mark's ministries. You may choose to return it with your offering or mail it to the church office, either in paper or online. You can also send your pledge over OnRealm. Just log into your account. Click on Giving on the left. Click on the grey "Pledge Box" and fill out the information. Remember to choose **"GF Member Contributions - 01/01/2021 until 12/31/2021"** Thank you for your generosity. It makes a difference!

Altar Flower Sponsorship If you would like to sponsor live flowers for our Sunday worship service, please sign up on the calendar by the mailbox room or contact the church office. Remember a loved one or commemorate an event by donating altar flowers. If you would like to volunteer as flower coordinator, please let us know.

Social Ministry

We continue to remember the hungry and homeless through our social ministries.

Quarters Drive Thank you to all who have continued to support the quarters drive. Quarters go to Refugee Support Services for use in laundry facilities in many apartment buildings used by recently arrived refugees. Please continue to save your quarters as the need will be ongoing. You may drop them off at church Monday-Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm.

Loaves and Fishes Social Ministry is requesting your support through July by bringing food items for LOAVES & FISHES! Please bring Canned entrees (spaghetti, stew, etc.), Boxed mac & cheese (any size, any brand), Canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam), Peanut butter (any size, any brand), Boxed cereal (not too sugary), Canned fruit (any kind, any size, preferably in natural juices).

Soup Kitchen St. Mark's Soup Kitchen continues every Thursday making bag lunches for distribution to our neighbors. If you would like to serve, please contact us. You may also support the Soup Kitchen through financial donations sent to the church, or through St. Mark's online giving portal. Help us share God's love!

Youth and Family Ministry

Youth Zoom Meeting The next Youth Zoom meeting will be on **Friday, July 2nd** at 3:30 pm. We hope to see lots of youth this Friday!

Come to the Waters Children's VBS: Save the Date! Saturday, July 31. 9:00 am. Through storytelling, crafts, music, and games, children will explore the place of water in Creation, the Noah's

Ark story, and Baptism. More details about the time and location (at St. Mark's or online) will be announced soon.

Adult VBS: August 1-2 Save the Date! The Christian Education Committee will be planning a two day Vacation Bible School for adults. More details are to come.

Announcements

Please remember to set the alarm when leaving the church. There is less activity at the church, so each person should be aware that the alarm may need to be set as they leave.

Facemasks St. Mark's members have made colorful, washable, re-usable masks which are in the Narthex. Please feel free to use these as masks continue to be part of our lives.

St. Mark's Prayer List

Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Jeffery Eckerd, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Jo Lammonds, Carl Sepmeyer, Jeff Casella, Mary Lou Kiser, Jim Hobbs, Paul Davis, Jimmy Schwartz, Julian and Judy Norris, Doris Dixon, Ken Winter, Michael Frye, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Carol Marion, Dene Shockley, Michael Kitchen, the residents of Matthews Glen.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests (pastortimsmc@gmail.com)

Readings for 7/4/2021, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Birthdays

7/1 Linda Walters
7/2 Cara Clausen
7/2 Shirley Larson



Do you feel like you are in crisis? In Isaiah it is written, "Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God." Stephen ministers are here to show the Lord's love and comfort for you in times of trial. Would you contact us today? Pastor Tim (pastortimsmc@gmail.com), or Lisa Barnette (stephenministysmlc@gmail.com)



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