



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

October 17, 2021 | 10:30
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion

Jesus told his disciples, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant." As followers of Jesus, we are a servant church giving our lives for others. Our Christian discipleship is in imitation of Jesus, who came not to be served, but who poured himself out upon the cross for the world. Jesus did not glorify himself, but carried the sins of the world, and by him we are made whole. Jesus is the source of salvation for all who obey and believe in him.

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 "Chorale-Duo-Reflection" from *Partita on 'All Creatures, Worship God Most High'*
17th Century German Tune; Organ Settings by Charles Callahan

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

Processional Hymn "All Creatures, Worship God Most High" (ELW 835) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear, make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, so rich in care, praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
6. O sisters, brother, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite Music: *Geistliche Kirchengänge*, Köln, 1623; Text 1997 Augsburg Fortress

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,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Temple Talk

“Stewardship 2021: Share the Joy”

Gretchen Dodge

First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

Charles Lakeman, lector

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his

mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:9-16

Madeline Hamrick, Kate Suchanek, cantors

You have made the LORD your ref - uge, and the
Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

Psalm 91:9 (Comer) Refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year B* © 2008 Augsburg Fortress

⁹*Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, ¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. ¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. ¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.*

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Charles Lakeman, lector

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal

On each of the boards, the following verse has been written, "The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore" (Psalm 121:8).

Let us pray. O Lord God, Jesus, the stone which the builders rejected, has become the cornerstone of the church and of our lives. We ask that, as this Habitat for Humanity home is built, Christ the cornerstone, would bless and dwell in this home. Bless these boards, which will be fitted into this new home, and may Christ always dwell therein. May the construction of this home be safely completed, and may you, O Lord, give light and peace to all who will dwell there. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 OF INTERCESSION

(Pastor McKenzie, prayers)

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Prayers.

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages we praise you. Empower your church in all places to the servant ministry of Jesus; renew the gifts of your Holy Spirit upon the churches of all nations, and in every language, equipping them with the gifts of the Spirit. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating One, for the abundance of creation, the diversity of habitats, and the amazing life you sustain, we praise you. Enable us to be servants of all you have created, not for our own profit, but that the generous abundance of the Earth might also sustain and strengthen all people. Enable us to be servants who help life flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Suffering One, for all people of good will who work for peace and justice and seek to serve with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bless the leaders of this nation and all nations, to bring peace

and justice to all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness. May all leaders seek to protect the sacred image in which you have created all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful One, for all who serve as caregivers and do the work of healing, we praise you. We pray for an end to this pandemic and the anxiety, depression and fear it has created. Help research into Covid-19 lead to better treatments and easier recovery. We offer prayers of concern and healing for: 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, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Carol Marion, Debbie Walden, Dene Shockley, Steven Hopp, Vann Milheim, Shirley Larson, Alice Blackwelder, Diann Krewson, Rileigh Snow and family, Mandy Hockenberger and family, Ron Wenzel Sr., John Gastineau, Lois Witham, Amanda Platt, Judy South, Asher Dugan, and the residents of Matthews Glen. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer and serve in this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, cooks, counters, committee, team and circle leaders, youth and children, musicians, and all who serve with generous hearts. We pray that you would sustain St. Mark's in our search of a new Director of Family Ministry. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Risen One, we thank you for the saints who have served your church and shared your gospel. We offer you thanks for the life and witness of Alta Eger who passed away last Sunday. Welcome Alta into the blessedness of your eternal kingdom and may she share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Strengthen and comfort the extended Eger family with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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 "Prelude on 'LASST UNS ERFREUEN'" from *Sing and Rejoice*"

Gerhard Krapf

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is 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

Postlude

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

Organ Setting by Jacob B. Weber

Please join us for fellowship on the patio outside.



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie (prayers); crucifer/acolyte: Michael Lakeman; lector: Charles Lakeman; Jacob Wenzel, Charles Lakeman, live streaming camera; Kevin Feezor, soundboard; ushers: John Simon, Michael Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Jay Jacob, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Charles & Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Steve Rach, Ken Hazen; communion helper: Richard Cansler; tabulators: Richard Cansler, Susan League; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Madeline Hamrick, cantor; Kate Suchanek, cantor and soprano soloist; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Lisa Barnette; ushers: Team A; greeters: Dale & Mary Lou Hopp, Susan League; communion assistants: Jane Thompson, Michael Huang; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Janice Miller, Karen Feezor

Music Notes

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High" ELW 835 This hymn of praise was written in 1225 by one of the most fascinating individuals in our church history, Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). He was a mystic, founder of the Franciscan monastic order, and spent a good portion of his life as an evangelist, preaching and helping the poor of Italy. It is even said he preached to the birds, and they listened! The following was written in tribute to St. Francis: "Saint Francis came to preach-with smiles he met the friendless, fed the poor, freed a trapped bird, led home a child. Although he spoke no word-his text, God's love, the town did not forget". St. Francis saw all of creation, including death, as praising God. The tune name **LASST UNS ERFREUEN** dates to 1623 Germany, where it was originally paired with an Easter hymn with the beginning words "Let Us Rejoice". *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* pairs this tune with four different hymns.

"I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661 Arabella Katherine Hankey (1834-1911) a nineteenth century English poetess, was born into a family of wealthy Anglican evangelicals. This hymn is from her seventy-four stanza poem "The Old, Old Story" published in New York in 1875. Austin Lovelace writes of this hymn: "Many people sing this hymn vigorously but do little to go out and 'tell the story' beyond the church walls. Kate Hankey startled England by the unheard-of thing by starting a Bible class for working girls in London. She also served as a nurse in South Africa, and turned over all proceeds from her writings to Christian missions. She lived what she wrote!" Philadelphia musician and piano dealer William G. Fischer (1835-1912) wrote the tune **HANKEY** and added the refrain.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

October 17, Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr (c.35-c.108)

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch, the city where the name “Christian” was first used. Ignatius is known to us only through the seven letters he wrote to churches on his way to being martyred in Rome. In these letters he encouraged Christians to live in unity with the bishop, sustained with love, while standing firm on sound doctrine. Ignatius regarded suffering as the way of true discipleship. Through Ignatius we are reminded that in some places today Christians still face suffering and death for their faith in Jesus Christ.

October 18, Luke, Evangelist

St. Luke is identified by tradition as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus’ life in both their social and religious contexts. Well-known parables, like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son, are found only in this gospel. Luke’s gospel has also given the church some of its most beautiful songs: the Benedictus sung at morning prayer, the Magnificat sung at evening prayer, and the Nunc Dimittis sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ.

October 23, James of Jerusalem, martyr (died c.62)

James became an early leader of the church in Jerusalem. he is described in the New Testament as the brother of Jesus, and Roman-Jewish historian Josephus called James the brother of Jesus, “the so-called Christ.” Little is known about James, but Josephus reported that the Pharisees respected James for his piety and observance of the law. James was put to death by stoning.

Adapted from Sunday and Seasons

Parish News

From the pastor – September 14, 2021

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has voted to require masks in religious settings, in addition to its Public Health Rule requiring face coverings in indoor public spaces regardless of vaccination status. Mecklenburg County urges all eligible people who are unvaccinated to get vaccinated to help slow the spread of Covid-19 and avoid further restrictions.

Bishop Tim Smith and the NC Synod Council have also strongly encouraged congregations to follow the CDC guidelines for all persons to wear masks indoors. All of these leaders, state and church, urge people to be vaccinated “in the hope that increased vaccination levels will continue to reduce infection rates and additional restrictions will not be needed” (Mecklenburg/Charlotte Proclamation).

St. Mark’s now requires masks to be worn in the building by all persons vaccinated or unvaccinated. We continue to allow congregational singing while wearing masks (worship leaders may unmask to lead worship); we also continue the current practice of Holy Communion in two ways; to allow fellowship with food and drink only outdoors on the patio (weather permitting); and to encourage people to be mindful of their distance around others.

The Council also expresses agreement with the Synod's statement that "congregations support vaccination efforts" and "communicate opportunities for vaccinations including the At-Home Vaccination program offered by the NCDHHS." St. Mark's Council recognizes that we must work together as a church with state and national agencies to encourage vaccination as a means to overcome this global pandemic.

The church's mission continues as we seek to share Christ's light in a world that is suffering, fearful and anxious. We must continue to be a living sign of the hope that dwells in us through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 3:15). We have been blessed with grace and faith so that through our ministries others might find strength and peace in Christ Jesus. Let us walk in confident faith and act together with courage for others.

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

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our 30th wedding anniversary, and 36th year as a couple by Neil and Charlotte Dixon.

Book and Puzzle Swap Thank you book lovers for sharing the joy of reading. You made last week's swap a success. Remaining books will go to support Christian Library International and Habitat for Humanity.

Stewardship for All Seasons *Share the Joy!* 2022 Fall Stewardship Appeal, October 31. Faithfully and joyfully consider your pledge of support for St. Mark's in the coming year. Remember others. Share the joy! The pledge form is included in the "Share the Joy!" brochure you received in the mail or you may pick up a brochure in the Gathering Place. You are invited to offer your pledge at the Reformation Day service on October 31. An online pledge option is available from our webpage. All pledges received ahead of this date will also be brought forward with the offering on Reformation Sunday.

Youth Sunday is 10/24 Please join us as the Youth of St. Mark's witness to us in worship. Young members are the church's future; Christ is alive in them and in each of us in every stage of our journey.

Youth Sunday Rehearsal is today after worship.

October Annual Meeting 10/24 in-person following worship to elect new council members.

The Christian Education Hour is at 9:30 am on Sundays. Please join us as you are able.

Our Faith Forum members invite you to join us for an in-depth study of Martin Luther. We will read selections from *Freedom of a Christian*, one of Luther's important writings. The class will also watch videos on his life and examine how his ideas changed the world. This discussion will continue each Sunday through November 21 in room #215 at 9:30.

Active Faith Sunday School Class Adults are invited to join in Room 206 for discussion on selected passages written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. All are welcome.

“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 10:30 am on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarksLutheran/>).

Midweek Meditation Pastor Tim’s weekly series is titled “Images of Christ: The Way of the Cross.” It is available each week via email or on St. Mark’s homepage.

St. Mark’s Choir and Handbells. Wednesday evening rehearsals have resumed for our choir and handbell choir! St. Mark’s Handbells 6:00-6:50 p.m. & St. Mark’s Choir 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Les Ackerman for details.

Charlotte author, Albert Dulin, will speak to St. Mark’s book club on October 28 at 10:00am about his new book, [Billie Heartwing](#). Please join us to hear this compelling story of a woman finding her way flying as a WASP during WWII. Dulin’s own exciting family history served as inspiration for the book, from one aunt’s miraculous tale of a B-017/ railroad rescue to photos of another aunt dressed in khakis about to embark on a solo flight in the 1940s. Dulin’s characters come to life with the spirit of these women from his past. Dulin has had a long history in the arts as a musician, artist, photographer, and playwright. These experiences resulted in a career in television and video production, which led him to write [Billie Heartwing](#). Please join St. Mark’s book club on October 28 at 10:00 am in the large conference room as we celebrate a local author. Masks are required for this event. Guests are welcome.

St. Mark’s email list If you are not receiving emails from St. Mark’s, we may not have your correct email address. Please contact the church to let us know. We send at least 2 emails every week.

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!

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.

Habitat for Humanity Fall Build 2021 The boards blessed during today’s service will be used in the construction of this fall’s house that St. Mark’s is building with Charlotte Church Partners. The boards will also be available to be signed by Congregation members following the service. Thank you for the financial and other support for this effort. For more information about how you can help, contact Susan League, 704-533-2451. Thank you!

Fire Extinguishers for Refugee Support Services Social Ministries is hoping to provide 40 extinguishers this month. You can have them shipped to your house and bring them to church or you can ship them to Eileen Dunlap, who will see that they are delivered. Please order the exact same model (Kidde FA110 Multi Purpose Fire Extinguisher 1A10BC) as listed in the Amazon link below. https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00002ND64/?coliid=I731ZYLH2Z68S&colid=CQFDWM3Z345Y&psc=1&ref=lv_ov_lig_dp_it

Loaves and Fishes If you missed the big July good drive, please donate any time as the need for food will remain. You can drop off donations at the choir room door Monday – Thursday from 10:00 to 2:00, or place them on the baker’s rack behind the door outside the mailroom when you come to church. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach to the hungry in the area.

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 October Schedule

October 3, 17, and 31 at 9:30: High School Sunday School in the Youth Room

October 10 and 24 at 9:30: Confirmation Class in the Fellowship Hall

October 17: Youth Sunday Rehearsal in the Sanctuary. 11:45-1:00. A snack will be provided.

October 24: Youth Sunday! Youth will lead most parts of the worship service.

Do you have a college student in your family? Please send updated mailing addresses to Charlotte Dixon so the Youth can send care packages to them. Thank you!

Announcements

Scam Alert We have again seen a rise in people posing as the pastor, asking for a reply to an email address that is not his legitimate gmail address. Please do not reply to any email that seems suspicious. Also please know that the church staff will never ever solicit from you. If you are ever in doubt, please call the church (704-375-9185), or email the church office immediately (stmarkselca1001@gmail.com). Thank you.

AA meets Monday nights, 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Facemasks Masks are required for all persons to wear indoors, both vaccinated and unvaccinated. 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.

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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, Doris Dixon, Ken Winter, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Carol Marion, Debbie Walden, Dene Shockley, Steven Hopp, Vann Milheim, Melissa, Renee, Shirley Larson, Alice Blackwelder, Diann Krewson, Rileigh Snow and family, Mandy Hockenberger and family, Ron Wenzel, Sr., John Gastineau, Lois Witham, Amanda Platt, Judy South, Asher Dugan, the residents of Matthews Glen.

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

Readings for 10/24/2021,

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Those who sowed with tears

will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Birthdays

10/17 Phoebe Droege

10/17 Patrick Huang

10/17 Jule Wilt

10/19 Virginia Edahl-Molan

10/20 Eddie Goodall

10/20 Kelly Price

10:21 Arden English

10/23 Harry Kendrick

10/23 Shelley Mobley



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 (stephenministriesmlc@gmail.com)



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