



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

October 24, 2021 | 10:30

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Youth Sunday

Service of Holy Communion

Jesus responded to Bartimaeus' cry with healing and love, then sent him on his way, saying, "Go; your faith has made you well." Having been healed, Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way. Jesus offers us healing in every challenge and moment of our lives. Do we cry out to him for leading and healing? Having experienced grace and healing, do we "go" out into the world to be living signs of healing for others?

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

"Variations on 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'"

Organ Settings by Albert L. Travis

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

Processional Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (ELW 807)

NETTLETON

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.; Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Please be seated.

Welcome

Pastor Timothy McKenzie, Jonathan Lakeman

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Confession.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor McKenzie, Davis Ferner

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.

Davis Ferner

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.

Pastor McKenzie

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

Davis Ferner

Let us pray. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Maddie Thompson, lector

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

Maddie Thompson, lector

You are invited to join in a responsive reading of Psalm 126. Please read the words in bold.

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

²**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**
then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

³**The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵**May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

Maddie Thompson, lector

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.

²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation "All Creatures Worship God Most High" 17th Century Tune (*organ only*)

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Jonathan Lakeman, lector

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Dialogue Sermon

"Go, your faith has made you well"

Davis Ferner, Jonathan Lakeman and Pastor Timothy McKenzie

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

Anthem

“You Are My All in All”

Dennis Jernigan

1. You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jew'l;
Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Chorus: Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

2. Taking my sin, my cross my shame,
rising again I bless Your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down You pick me up.
When I am dry You fill my cup. You are my all in all. *Chorus*

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Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

Michael Lakeman

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

(Michael Lakeman, Michael Huang, 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.*

God of Hope, help all missionaries throughout the world, especially those who have been kidnaped in Haiti. Protect and help them find their way home and continue to help those around them. Guide those oppressed, who spread the loving word, God, O Lord. Light the way for all those ministers, healers, and others seeking assistance in their lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy one, we give you thanks for the abundant land that you have provided for us. Grant us strength to protect the earth for the future generations to live peacefully. We ask for wisdom to become stewards for your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of Guidance, help those in power to work diligently to promote peace and prosperity among the people of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, we give you thanks for all health care workers, especially during a pandemic. Comfort those who have Covid or any other sickness. We offer prayers of healing and concern 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, Diann Krewson, Mandy Hockenberger and family, Ron Wenzel Sr., John Gastineau, Lois Witham, Amanda Platt, Judy South, Asher Dugan, and the residents of Matthews Glen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heavenly Father, show us the way to help others in our community and beyond. Allow us to show kindness to every person we meet. If it is your will, guide our committees to find the right person for our Youth and Family ministries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give you thanks for the saints who have helped us along our faith journey. Give us strength to continue as we grow closer to you so that one day, we might all have eternal life. 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

Michael Lakeman

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

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Organ Setting by Johann Pachelbel

Offering Prayer

Pastor McKenzie

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

Assistants: Brady Ferner, Davis Ferner, Maddie Thompson, Michael Lakeman
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 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

“Andante” from *Sonata for Piano in G Major*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish Tune
Setting for Piano by Bob Kauflin

“Improvisation on ‘All Creatures Worship God Most High’”

Piano Setting by Dino Kartsonakis

“Amazing Grace” from *Two Preludes on American Hymn Tunes*

Gilbert Martin

Please stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, + one God,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (ELW 779)

NEW BRITAIN

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
5. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. sts. 1-4; anonymous s. 5); Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.

DISMISSAL

Michael Huang

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Toccata on ‘Amazing Grace’”

Organ Setting by J. Christopher Pardini

Please join us for fellowship on the patio outside.



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayers: Michael Lakeman, Michael Huang; crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: Brady Ferner; lectors: Maddie Thompson, Jonathan 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: Dale & Mary Lou Hopp, Susan League; communion assistants: Brady Ferner, Davis Ferner, Maddie Thompson, Michael Lakeman; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Janice Miller, Karen Feezor; musicians: Choir; Youth of St. Mark's; Guitar, Alex English; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Michael Thompson; crucifer: Kelsey Smith; acolyte: Riley Smith; lector: Larry Lippert; ushers: Team A; greeters: Dave & Eileen Dunlap, Kay Sehorn; communion assistants: Carol Goodall, Chris Miller; communion helper: Karen Covington; tabulators: Charles Lakeman, Joe Barrett

Music Notes

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ELW 807 This hymn was written by Robert Robinson (1735-1790) when he was only twenty-three years of age. Born in Norfolk, England, he was sent to London at the age of fourteen to learn the barbering trade. It was there he heard the great Methodist preacher and evangelist George Whitefield. Robinson said he and his friends went to hear Whitefield for the purpose of "scoffing at the poor deluded Methodists." It was from this experience he decided to enter the ministry, first as a Methodist, then as a Baptist. Austin Lovelace writes of Robinson: in his *Hymn Notes* (Chicago, 1987) "Like the more famous John Newton's hymn 'Amazing Grace', Robinson's hymn is one of providence and grace. Like Jacob, who raised an Ebenezer (a stone altar which signified that God had brought him thus far), he confesses how great a debtor he is to the grace of God, as are we all". The American tune **NETTLETON** had its first publication in *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music* (1813, Harrisburg, PA). The tune is named for Rev. Asahel Nettleton, a noted American evangelist of the early eighteenth century.

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" ELW 779 is from the pen of John Newton (1725-1807), and was first published in 1779. This text is a personal testimony of Newton's conversion experience, of a man whose early life on a slave ship was turned around by an "amazing grace" that "saved a wretch like me." Newton wrote six stanzas, the first four printed in our hymnal. Our fifth stanza, though joined to this hymn, is not by Newton, the writer unknown. Here is one of the additional verses, not often included in modern hymnbooks: "The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine." The tune **NEW BRITAIN** is another example of a fine Southern Harmony shape-note tune. It is also a pentatonic tune, meaning the melody has only five tones, plus its octave. The tune was first joined to "Amazing Grace" in William Walker's *The Southern Harmony* (New Haven, 1835), a collection of southern Appalachian folk tunes that came from English, Scotch, Irish, and Welsh sources.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

October 26, Philipp Nicolai, (1556-1608); Johann Heermann (1585-1647); Paul Gerhardt (1607-

1676), hymn writers

These three outstanding hymnwriters all worked in Germany during times of war and plague. When Philipp Nicolai was pastor in Westphalia, the plague killed thirteen hundred of his parishioners. One hundred seventy people died in one week. His hymns “Wake, Awake for Night is flying” (ELW 436) and “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” (ELW 308) were included in a series of meditations he wrote to comfort his parishioners during the plague. The style of Johann Heermann’s hymns moved away from the more objective style of Reformation hymnody toward expressing the emotions of faith. Among his hymns is the plaintive text “Ah, Holy Jesus” (ELW 349). Paul Gerhardt lost a preaching position at St. Nicholas Church in Berlin because he refused to sign a document stating he would not make theological arguments in his sermons. The author of such beloved hymns such as “O Sacred Head Now Wounded “ (ELW 351), some have called Gerhardt the greatest of Lutheran hymnwriters.

October 28, Simon and Jude, Apostles

Little is known about Simon and Jude. In New Testament lists of the apostles, Simon the “zealot” or Canaanite is mentioned, but he is never mentioned apart from these lists. Jude, sometimes called Thaddeus, is also mentioned in lists of the Twelve. At the last supper Jude asked Jesus why he had chosen to reveal himself to the disciples but not to the world. The “Passion of Simon and Jude” says that they traveled as missionaries to Persia and were martyred there.

Adapted from Sunday and Seasons

Parish News

From the pastor –

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
pastortimsmc@gmail.com

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Today is Youth Sunday We are thankful for the faithful witness and gifts of St. Mark's young people!

October Annual Meeting Today, in-person following worship to elect new council members.

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.

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: Lackerman2@aol.com.

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! Work continues on the home we and Charlotte Church Partners are building for Jerton Dixon. We continue to need financial support for this important project. Please consider designating money to go to support Habitat when making your offering to St. Mark's. Contact Susan free league for more information about how you can help. 704-533-2451.

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

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, Diann Krewson, 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 10/31/2021,

Reformation Day

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

*The Lord of hosts is with us; the
God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 56:7)*

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Birthdays

10/24 Tim Niedermeier

10/25 Alice FuHua Wenzel

10/26 Robert Adden

10/26 Marshall Payne, Jr.

10/26 Grace Rathkamp

10/26 Glen Stone

10/26 Jacob Stone



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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Our Ministers

All the people of God at St. Mark's

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