



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

**November 28, 2021 | 10:30
The First Sunday of Advent
Service of Holy Communion**

With the season of Advent we begin a new church year. Advent is a time of watching and waiting for the signs of God's presence in our lives. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Early Christians hoped for a time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them, we anticipate the season of Christmas and Christ's Second Coming, as we prepare the cradle our hearts during Advent.

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude "Gabriel's Oboe" for Cello and Organ Ennio Morricone
John Brumbaugh, cellist

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

Processional Hymn "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (ELW 244) HAF TRONES LAMPA FARDIG

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.
2. The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907; Music: Swedish folk tune

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,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
+ your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
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. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As the pastor lights the Advent wreath, verse one of "O Come O Come Emmanuel" is sung.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (ELW 257) VENI, EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Karen Feezor, lector

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch

to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

Amy Woodall, Micah Hein, cantors



Psalm 25:1 (Carolyn Jennings) Refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. ⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! ⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Karen Feezor, lector

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Hark, the Glad Sound"

Tune by Thomas Haweis

Please stand.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when

these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

“Signs of the Season”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

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

Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

African American Spiritual

- 1. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work’s almost done.*
 - 2. Darker midnight lies before us, for this work’s almost done.*
 - 3. Lo, the morning soon is breaking, for this work’s almost done.*
 - 4. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work’s almost done.*
- Refrain: Children, don’t grow weary; for this work’s almost done.*

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

(Jonathan Lakeman, prayer assistant)

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Prayers.

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence. *A brief silence.*

God of peace, bless your church to know the signs of your kingdom around us; enlighten your people to always point to the in-breaking of your kingdom in this world. May this season of

Advent be for us a time of alertness to your saving grace, which gives the light of hope to all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of family, we give thanks to you for the time spent with family and friends this past week, and pray that you watch over us as we close out the year. In this time of thanksgiving, help us remember that you provide for us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the seasons, we thank you for fig trees and mighty redwoods, for country fields and city parks, for wind and waves; as you continue to create, help your people to care for our wounded planet so that the seasons of life might continue for all living things. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, we ask that as we near the end of another year in the pandemic, you continue to be with those who are working to combat the virus. Lend strength to the medical caregivers who are vaccinating the population, and guide those who are researching ways to treat the virus. Send healing and strength to: 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, Ron Wenzel Sr., Lois Witham, Amanda Platt, Judy South, Asher Dugan, Hunter Everhart, Bill Thompson, Sarah Markham, Mindy Curley, Steve Rach, and the residents of Matthews Glen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, bring righteousness and compassion to all peoples of the earth. Give discernment and integrity to leaders, local, state, and national, as well as the leaders of all nations, so that the weak, vulnerable, hungry, and oppressed in every place might be encouraged and strengthened as your beloved children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord, as the weather gets colder, we ask that you look out for your children who may not have a warm place to stay. Watch over the homeless, in Charlotte and all around the world this winter. We also ask that you help us help our brothers and sisters, as you have helped us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of power and glory, you hold all the seasons of time and eternity in your hands; helps us to see and know the seasons of our lives, so that not weighed down by the worries of this life, we might walk with confidence like the saints before us, toward your eternal kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church and the care of those in need.*

Offertory Anthem

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

15th century German Carol

Setting for Cello and Organ by Michael Bedford

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **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

Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.

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 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

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach

"Morning Light" Prelude for Cello and Organ

Cary John Franklin

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Tune by Johann Walter

Setting for Organ by Robert J. Powell

Please stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

Please stand.

SENDING BLESSING

Fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus + for whom we wait.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" (ELW 246)

MERTON

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
"Cast away the works of darkness, all you children of the day!"
2. Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.
5. Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878; Music: William H. Monk, 1823-1889

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Setting for Organ by Paul O. Manz

Please join us for fellowship on the patio outside.



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayers: Jonathan Lakeman; crucifer/acolyte: Jonathan Lakeman; lector: Karen Feezor; Jacob Wenzel, Charles Lakeman, live streaming camera; Kevin Feezor, soundboard; ushers: Doug Milheim, Marc Ginns, Susan Ginns, Eddie Goodall, A. J. Pridgen; greeters: Richard Cansler, Joanne Marz, Bill & Jane Thompson; communion assistants: Ken Hazen, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Karen Covington; tabulators: Cliff Edahl, Karen Feezor; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; John Brumbaugh, cellist; Amy Woodall, Micah Hein, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Dave Dunlap; crucifer/acolyte: Brooks Stevenson; lector: Lisa Barnette; ushers: Team C; greeters: Joanne Marz, Ted Seman, David Thomason; communion assistants: Ruth Barrett, Carol Goodall; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Charles Lakeman, David Platt

Music Notes

"Savior of the Nations, Come" ELW 263, comes to us from Ambrose of Milan (340-397 A.D.), who is often referred to as the father of Latin hymnody or church song. Paul Westermeyer writes: "Ambrose was not the first to write hymns, but his hymns were the first ones the church found worth keeping." This hymn rings the keynote for Advent, with six stanzas providing opportunity to proclaim God's purpose in sending the Messiah and our response to this Good News. The hymn was translated into German by Martin Luther in 1523 and the translation begins, **NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND** (the tune name). Martin Luther is certainly revered for his reforming activities, writing, teaching and work as a pastor, but he also wrote and adapted many hymn tunes to accommodate his hymn texts, this hymn being a probable collaboration with publisher and colleague Johann Walter (1496-1560).

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

November 30, Andrew, Apostle

Andrew was among the first of the disciples called by Jesus. In the gospels of Matthew and Mark he

was called directly by Jesus, along with his brother Peter. In the Gospel of John, Andrew was one of two of John the Baptist's followers who were called by Jesus. Andrew in turn, brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus, saying, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). Further, Andrew is the disciple who brought forward to Jesus the boy with five loaves and two fish (John 6:8). Andrew, along with Philip, also brought a group of Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20ff). Andrew was a shepherd who introduced others to Jesus, and is remembered as a martyr to his faith in Jesus.

December 3, Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, (1506-1552)

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Francis Xavier was one of the initial seven, and a co-founder of the Jesuits, that formed around Ignatius de Loyola in 1534. Ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier was a missionary to Goa, India, Southeast Asia, and Japan. He was appointed Apostolic nuncio to the East. Xavier is remembered for his evangelistic work among indigenous peoples and children. He set the course for mission in Asia and Japan, which was radical at the time, emphasizing learning local languages for preaching and catechetical work.

December 4, John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter (c.675/676-749)

Born to a wealthy family in Damascus and well educated in Greek and Arabic, John followed his grandfather and father into a career in finance and government, later leaving this to become a monk in an abbey near Jerusalem. John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. Foremost among the latter is a work called "The Fount of Wisdom," which touches on philosophy, heresy, and the orthodox faith. Drawing upon the teachings of Nicene and post-Nicene theology, it is a summary of the Christian faith that remained influential for centuries.

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
pastortimsmlc@gmail.com

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God on this the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent begins! Please be sure to pick up your "Advent Bag" after worship with a new Fortress Press Advent Devotional booklet. Make Advent a time of spiritual renewal that will help deepen the meaning of this season and its busyness.

Advent is Coming! It's hard to believe, but Advent starts on Sunday, November 28! In order to help celebrate this joyous and contemplative time in the church, the Congregational Life and Education Committees have partnered to offer our church family devotional resources for the season. Each family is invited to pick up an "Advent Bag" after worship on November 28. The bag will contain a devotional booklet called "Heaven and Nature Sing" that includes daily devotions based on the Lectionary for the first Sunday of Advent (November 28, 2021) through Epiphany (January 6, 2022). In addition to devotions, the book offers household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations during this time. Of course, we couldn't let this special occasion go by without cookies! You'll also find a sweet treat of homemade cookies in your bag. Please stop by the table in the Gathering Space after worship on November 28 to pick up your family's Advent Bag!

Looking forward into Advent

11/28 Advent 1: Advent Bags and Devotional Booklet

12/5 Advent 2: Vespers at St. Mark's: "The Glorious Sound of Christmas" Concert at 5 pm

12/12 Advent 3: Service of Lessons and Carols at 10:30 am

12/19 Advent 4: Queen City Ringers Concert, "Seasons of the Heart" at 5 pm

During Advent, prepare your heart with prayer and song.

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

The Faith Forum class will study the lectionary readings for each Sunday during Advent. Everyone is invited to join us at 9:30 in the Large Conference Room to reflect on God's Word, as we wait for Christ's birth. We will meet each Sunday at 9:30 in the large conference room.

Active Faith Sunday School Class Adults are invited to join in Room 210 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/>).

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.

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

2022 Stewardship Campaign *Share the Joy!* Please prayerfully consider your 2022 pledge to Christ's mission at St. Mark's. Your pledge is important to St. Mark's mission and may also be offered at any time. You may pick up a "Share the Joy" brochure in the Gathering Place, or pledge/donate online at our website, (<http://saintmarkscharlotte.org/https://saintmarkscharlotte.org/stewardship/do-you-wish-to-make-a-donation//do-you-wish-to-make-a-donation/>). We have been blessed to be a blessing to others!



You may use the QR code at left (hover your phone camera to connect) for immediate access to St. Mark's website donation page.

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 League for more information about how you can help. 704-533-2451.

Loaves and Fishes Please donate any time as the need for food remains. 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

November Sunday School Schedule

November 28-High School Class

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.

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 Winters, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Carol Marion, Debbie Walden, Dene Shockley, Steven Hopp, Vann Milheim, Melissa, Renee, Shirley Larson, Diann Krewson, Ron Wenzel Sr., Lois Witham, Amanda Platt, Judy South, Asher Dugan, Hunter Everhart, Bill Thompson, Sarah Markham, Mindy Curley, Steve Rach, and the residents of Matthews Glen.

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

Readings for 12/5/2021,

2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

*In the tender compassion of
our God the dawn from on high shall
break upon us. (Luke 1:78)*

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Birthdays

11/30 Cliff Edahl, Jr.

12/1 Tom Tolbert



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 (stephenministrysmlc@gmail.com)



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