

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,**

and to treasure mercy and justice.

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading**Isaiah 25:6-9**

Kay Finlon, lector

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*The Word of the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Psalm 24**

Madeline Hamrick, Kate Suchanek, cantors

They shall re - ceive a bless - ing from the
 God of their sal - va - tion.

Psalm 24:5 (Anne Krentz Organ) Refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year B* 2009 Augsburg Fortress.

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah* ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

Second Reading**Revelation 21:1-6a**

Kay Finlon, lector

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

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

Gospel Acclamation

"Gospel Fanfare on 'For All the Saints'"

Tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Please stand.***The Holy Gospel****John 11:32-44***The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.***Glory to you, O Lord.**

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to you, O Christ.****Homily***"Christ makes all things new"*

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

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

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Tune by Robert Lowry

Setting for choir, clarinet, and organ by Alfred V. Fedak

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All thing are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing?*

*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

(Michael Lakeman, prayers)

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Prayers.

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

God of the World, we give you thanks for all the ministries around the world that act as centers of your love. Strengthen congregations to go out and share your word here in Charlotte and around the world. Help us to serve you by helping others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of Creation, we give you thanks for this green land with abundant harvests. Give us the strength and wisdom not to destroy, but to care for this earth, so it will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all nations, we give you thanks for all the leaders that have helped their nations through this pandemic. We pray for all heads of state and presidents that they might find the wisdom and the will to guide their people towards the common good of their nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, we give you thanks for all the saints who work as caregivers and health care workers, laboring to heal and comfort the sick and dying. Grant healing and wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression and addictions. We especially remember the saints among us: 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., John Gastineau, Lois Witham, Amanda Platt, Judy South, Asher Dugan, Ken Hazen and family, Hunter Everhart, Bill Thompson, and the residents of Matthews Glen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God and everliving God, as we remember Veterans Day this week, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended this nation, its peoples and freedoms.

Help us to be mindful of their sacrifices, as well as the hardships endured by their families and friends. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our Lord, Christ Jesus, we remember the saints of this congregation who have shared God's love with us, and who now rest in you:

+Rebecca Jennings Hallman
+Elizabeth "Betty" Basinger
+Robbie Pasour Bishop
+Mary Aline Wood
+Arnold Edward Hein
+Elizabeth Anne Bauer Gordy
+James Andrew Basinger, Jr.
+Doris Mae Suggs Hill
+Joyce Ann Campbell
+John Worth Foust
+Ralph Eugene Purpur
+Alta Lodahl Eger

Knowing that you count all people as your children, we also lift before you,
+ All who have died from COVID-19
in this nation and around the world.

May they find rest eternal in you, and we ask your comfort and strength upon their families.

Finally we remember,

+ All the saints
who faithfully witnessed to you and forever dwell
in your heavenly kingdom.

May we join them in ceaseless praise to you, setting our hope on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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)

Offertory Anthem

"Aria"

(The offering is brought forward from the Narthex)

Paul Manz

Setting for clarinet and organ by Mark Meuser

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our 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

A feast of love is offered here
for you and for all the saints.

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 “Trio on ‘Shall We Gather at the River’” Setting by Jon Spong

 “Blest Are They” Words and Music by David Haas
 Micah Hein, Amy Woodall, Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, soloists

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit; there is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.
Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.*

 “Adagio for Clarinet” Heinrich Baermann

 “Pie Jesu” from *Requiem* Gabriel Faure; Lucy Ilderton, soprano
Blessed Jesus, Lord I pray in thy mercy grant them everlasting rest

Please stand.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

Please stand.

SENDING BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
+ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River" (ELW 423)

HANSON PLACE

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; Music: Robert Lowry

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude"Allegro" from *Sonata in G Major for Clarinet*

Benedetto Marcello

Please join us for fellowship on the patio outside.



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayers: Michael Lakeman; crucifer/acolyte: Michael Lakeman; lector: Kay Finlon; Jacob Wenzel, Charles Lakeman, live streaming camera; Kevin Feezor, soundboard; ushers: Doug Milheim, Marc Ginns, Susan Ginns, Eddie Goodall, A. J. Pridgen; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Jackie Ellington; communion assistants: Ruth Barrett, John Simon; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Dianne Thomas, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Samuel Sparrow, clarinetist; Madeline Hamrick, Kate Suchanek, cantors; Amy Woodall, Micah Hein, Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, Lucy Ilderton, vocal soloists; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Charles Lakeman; crucifer/acolyte: Palmer Stevenson; lector: Flora Chance; ushers: Team B; greeters: Evelyn Gerdes, Eddie & Carol Goodall; communion assistants: Layton Campbell, Gretchen Dodge; communion helper: Richard Cansler; tabulators: Cliff Edahl, Meg Fielding

Music Notes

"For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest" ELW 422 This hymn was written by William How (1823-1897) an Anglican Bishop, first published in a collection entitled *Hymns for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns, By a Layman* (London, 1864). A passage from Hebrews 12 is the inspiration: "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." American hymnologist and composer Austin

Lovelace adds his insight: "the hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church." The tune **SINE NOMINE** ("without a name") is one of four original hymn tunes written anonymously by Ralph Vaughan Williams, first published in the *English Hymnal* (1906).

"Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423 This text (hymn) and tune were written in the summer of 1864 by American composer, author, and theologian Robert Lowry (1826-1899). The author said he was seated at the parlor organ of his home in Brooklyn, NY, reflecting on Revelation 22:1 "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb." Dr. Lowry said "the music came with the hymn." The tune **HANSON PLACE** is named for the church he served in Brooklyn, Hanson Place Baptist Church.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

November 7, John Christian Frederick Heyer (1793-1873); Bartholomaeus Ziegenbaig (1682-1719); Ludwig Nommensen (1834-1918), missionaries

Three missionaries are commemorated on this date. **Heyer** was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. Ordained in 1820, he established Sunday schools and taught at Gettysburg College and Seminary. Heyer became a missionary in the Andhra region of India. During a break in his mission work he received the M.D. degree from what would later be Johns Hopkins University. **Ziegenbalg** was the first Protestant missionary ever sent outside of Europe, and was a missionary to Tranquebar on the southwest coast of India. He was sent by the Danish king, yet his missionary work was opposed by Danish expatriates living in India because he worked among indigenous people. He translated the New Testament and hymns into Tamil. Today the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded in 1707, carries on his work. **Nommensen** was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. In the early 1860s he went to Sumatra to serve as a Lutheran missionary. His work was among the Batak people, who had previously not known anything of Christianity. Nommensen translated the scriptures into Batak while honoring much of the native culture.

November 11, Martin, bishop of Tours (316/336-397)

The son of a senior officer in the Roman army, Martin joined the cavalry at age fifteen, serving for many years. When he was eighteen years old, near the gates of Amiens, a beggar approached Martin for aid, and Martin cut his cloak in half for the beggar. In a dream, Martin understood that Christ had been present in the beggar. He soon asked for release from his military duty, but was imprisoned instead for cowardice. After his release from prison he began preaching, particularly against the Arians. In 371 he was elected the bishop of Tours. As bishop he developed a reputation for intervening on behalf of prisoners and heretics who has been sentenced to death. Martin Luther was named for Martin of Tours, because he was baptized on November 11, 1483.

November 11, Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher (1813-1855)

Kierkegaard, a nineteenth-century Danish theologian whose writings reflect his Lutheran heritage, was the founder of modern existentialism. Many of his works were published under a variety of pseudonyms, so that he could reply to arguments from his own previous works. Kierkegaard's work attacked the established church of his day - its complacency, its tendency to intellectualize faith, and its desire to be accepted by polite society. His work, *Fear and Trembling*, is a modern study of the

meaning of faith in the story of Abraham and Isaac. Kierkegaard was highly influential on the early theology of Karl Barth.

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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

Today is All Saints Sunday. On All Saints Day (11/1) the church celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. Today we give thanks for the saints in the life of the church and for the saints of St. Mark’s who have passed away during the last year.

Altar Flowers Today are given by Tom and Kay Sehorn, in Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries:

Tom & Kay Sehorn - 45 years - November 5th, Matt & Ashley Frusti - October 19th, and Bryan & Shelley Ashcroft - October 27th.

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/>).

Love Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 10 at 10:00 in the Large Conference room to begin our *Gather* Bible study. Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of friendship.

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.

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, use the QR code at right, or pledge/donate online on 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!



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 7-Confirmation Class

November 14-No Sunday School due to Youth Retreat

November 21-Confirmation Class

November 28-High School Class

November 7: College Care Packages Following the worship service, youth and parents are invited to the Fellowship Hall to stuff care packages for 21 college students! We will have greeting cards in the Gathering Space, and everyone in the congregation is invited to sign a few of them before leaving today.

November 12-14: Fall Youth Retreat Youth members will travel to Lutheridge for a weekend of discussions on the Sermon on the Mount, worship, prayer, fellowship, and fun! We are taking special safety precautions, approved by the Church Council, as we take this retreat during a time of pandemic.

November 20: Children's Family Thanksgiving Picnic! 11:00 am-12:30 pm. Families with children (baby through 5th grade) are invited to Edgehill Park (adjacent to St. Mark's) for a morning of fun and fellowship. We will have some fun activities planned, and we'll also have time for the kids to play and the parents to chat. Please bring a picnic to feed your family.

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, Ron Wenzel, Sr., John Gastineau, Lois Witham, Amanda Platt, Judy South, Asher Dugan, Hunter Everhart, Bill Thompson, Ken Hazen and Family, the residents of Matthews Glen.

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

Readings for 11/14/2021, the 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

*My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my body shall rest in hope. (Ps 16:9)*

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Birthdays

11/7 Laura Foust

11/8 Clayton Payne

11/9 Bradwell Molan

11/10 Elizabeth Conner

11/10 M. C. Katzel

11/10 Dene Shockley

11/11 Karen Covington

11/11 Pat Fox

11/11 Gwen Stone

11/12 Carol Lippert



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)



Our Ministers

All the people of God at St. Mark's

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