



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*

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JUNE 5, 2022

DAY OF PENTECOST / SENIOR SUNDAY  
10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*On Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who abides in, helps, and leads the church. Jesus calls the Advocate "the Spirit of truth" whom those who love and keep Jesus' commandments will see and know. Through the Holy Spirit, God speaks to humanity in every language so that the reality and truth of God's mighty works might be revealed. Jesus promises that his followers will do even "greater works than these" through him. We are to ask in Jesus' name, confident that the Holy Spirit abides in us.*

GATHERING

*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.*

***Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.***

**Prelude**

"Song of Joy" for Handbell Choir

Arnold Sherman

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

**Processional Hymn**

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" ELW 400

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,  
there with Christ to bear the cross!
2. God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!  
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,  
kindle us to speak your truth!
3. God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,  
make us one in Christ our Lord!

4. God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.  
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,  
claim us for your kingdom's work!

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*Please be seated.*

**Welcome**

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The congregation may sit or kneel for the Confession.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism (Confession and Forgiveness)**

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism, confess our sins and hear the words of forgiveness.

*The presiding minister gives thanks, remembering the waters of Holy Baptism.*

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image

and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,

and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,

and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

Wash us in your forgiveness, grace, and love, knowing that as we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin into Jesus' resurrection life. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

The light of the risen Christ puts to light all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you, † frees and forgives you from your sins by his blood. Almighty God strengthen you that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**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. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Musical Interlude

“Rejoice in the Spirit”

Cathy Moglebust

## WORD

### First Reading

**Acts 2:1-21**

Maddie Thompson, lector

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

Amy Woodall, Micah Hein, cantors



Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. <sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. <sup>26</sup>There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. <sup>27</sup>These all look to you to give them their food in due season; <sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. <sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

**Second Reading      Romans 8:14-17**

Maddie Thompson, lector

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? from *Holy Communion Setting Three*

*Please stand.*

**The Holy Gospel      John 14:8-17**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup>”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

*“He abides with you”*

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

**Anthem**

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me”

17th Century French Plainsong  
Setting for Choir and Organ by K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!*

**Recognition of St. Mark's 2022 High School Graduating Seniors**

*2022 graduating senior, Alice Wenzel and her parents are invited to come forward.*

Alice Wenzel, Community School of Davidson (Appalachian State University)

(Davis Ferner, Michael Huang, and Jonathan Lakeman were honored on May 22nd)

*After the graduate and her parents gather, the pastor says,*

Parents, please wrap the blanket around your child as you say, together with the congregation:

**Alice, we thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have enriched our lives and given them deeper meaning. Through you, we have a greater understanding of God's gifts of grace and unconditional love for us. As you move forward into the next season of your life, wherever you go, our love goes with you. May this blanket remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community, and the power of God's Spirit. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*The pastor continues:*

Alice, remembering your graduation, please say to your parents,

You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me through good times and bad. I give you thanks for the many sacrifices you have made for me, and I thank God for the selflessness of your love. Thank you for your patience, your wisdom, and your unconditional love. Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go, your love and example will continue to bless me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child. I give thanks to God for blessing my life with you.

**Prayer of Sending**

*The pastor continues,*

Let us pray. We give you thanks O God, for the many gifts you have given to Alice. Send her out into the world with your blessing and peace. Wherever she may go, we ask that you would be present with

her. May the warmth of this blanket remind her of the love of home and church, the love of her parents, the friendships of this church, and may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with her, now and always. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Alice, go out into the world with the grace, peace and love of Christ!

*The congregation may clap as a sign of acclamation.*

### **A Video Journey of Faith for the 2022 Graduates**

Liz Boldman, Director of Family Ministry

*The service continues with the Apostles' Creed. 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 Thompson, prayers)

*The congregation may sit or kneel for the Prayers.*

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

God of Love, You sent Your Holy Spirit to us that we might remain connected to You in preparation for the day that we join You in Heaven. Grant us, your church, the wisdom to hear and share Your Word in every language, with brothers and sisters from every nation, and to call on Your name so that we too might be saved. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer**

God of all creation, we marvel at Your works. From creatures great and small, to the world You designed to sustain and perpetuate life, we rejoice in all that You created, and we ask for Your mercy as we struggle to maintain what You have provided because of our selfishness, ignorance, and carelessness. Help us find ways to heal and restore Your perfect creation so that future generations may marvel at it like we have. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Abba, Father we strive to be Your children, free from slavery to sin and death. Watch over us as we encounter division in our world, and violence in our communities, and grant us the courage to testify to

others about Your love and glory so that we might bring an end to the strife and misery we see each day.  
God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy Comforter, draw near to all who live in constant fear, pain, and anxiety; heal the sick and strengthen the dying; grant peace to the families of the 19 children and 2 teachers killed at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas; remind all who call upon you that they are your children and share in your glory. May your Spirit of comfort and healing be upon members of our church family: Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, Jeff Casella, Paul Davis, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Carol Marion, Vann Milheim, Shirley Larson, Diann Krewson, Hunter Everhart, Sarah Markham, Mindy Curley, Steve Rach, Oakley Coburn, Stanley Davis, Connie Pope, Arlene Fielding, Louise Cobb, Anthony Perrini, Sergei Kobiakov, Diane Adams, Gene Ellington, Bill Schwartz, Mickey Byrd, Kelsey Finningsdorf, and Christopher Shirley. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Wonderful Counselor, we ask that you would guide and inspire our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth; our Bishop, Timothy and the Bishop's Assistants, Sara, CeCee, and Phil; all North Carolina Synod staff; and all churches of this Synod; grant them the gifts of the Spirit to proclaim your grace and love in a broken and anxious world. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord of Hosts, you gather your children from across vast regions and differing nations, grant your people unity in Christ and inspire them in the Holy Spirit to speak about your mighty works. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon all flesh so that all who call upon you might be saved and share in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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)*

## MEAL

**OFFERING** *An offering for the mission of the church and the care of those in need is brought forward from the Narthex.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" from *Variations on PUER NOBIS*

Organ Setting by Michael Burkhardt

## Offering Prayer

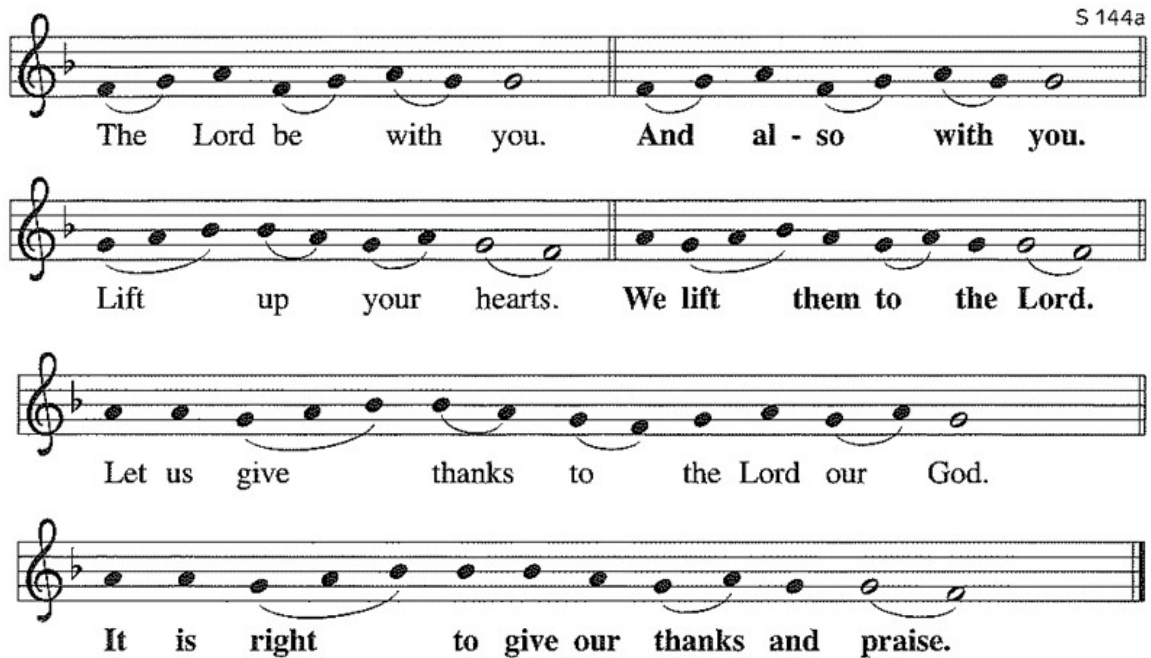
Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

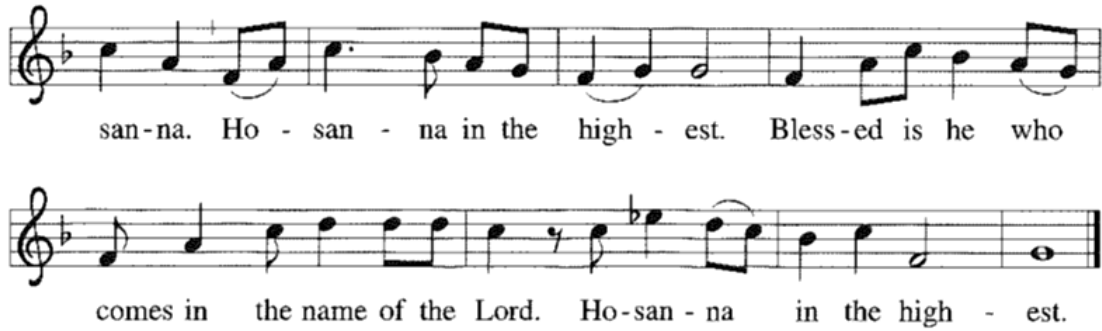
“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

*Holy Communion Setting Three*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



### 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.

### The 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

The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is offered continuously in front of the freestanding altar, or at the rail of the high altar in two ways, by "Communion Kit" or wafer and wine in a small cup. Please follow the ushers' prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station, and returning via the side aisles. If receiving a "kit" please seal the used utensils in the zip-lock bag, placing the bag after worship in the marked bowl in the Narthex. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.*

### Communion Music

Variations on PUER NOBIS

Michael Burkhardt



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,  
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the  
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,  
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast. so it is with the Spir - it of God.

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

Tune TRENTHAM by Robert Jackson; Setting for Vocal Soloist by Fred Bock

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what Thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
'til I am wholly Thine, until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.*

*Please stand.*

**Post-Communion Blessing**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

**SENDING BLESSING**

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life” ELW 399

PUER NOBIS

1. O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things:  
anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.
2. Eternal vigor, Saving One, you free us by your living Word,  
becoming flesh to wear our pain, and all creation is restored.
3. O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encompass us with wings unfurled,  
and carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179 © 1991 Jean Janzen, admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Improvisation on ‘Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove’”

KOMM, GOTT SCHOPFER; Organ Setting by Benjamin M. Cull

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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayers: Michael Thompson; crucifer/acolyte: Michael Huang; lector: Maddie Thompson; live streaming camera: Laura Foust; soundboard: Jonathan Lakeman; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Joanne Marz, Evelyn Gerdes; communion assistants: Ruth Barrett, Flora Chance, Lisa Barnette, Karen & Kevin Feezor; communion helper: Kay Finlon; tabulators: Alan harms, Janice Miller; nursery attendants: Susan Ginns, Charlotte Dixon; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; St. Mark's Handbells; Amy Woodall, Micah Hein, cantors; Delenn Rumbolo, soprano soloist; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Michael Lakeman; crucifer: Riley Smith; acolyte: Kelsey Smith; lector: Riley Smith; live streaming camera: Laura Foust; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Team A; greeters: Eileen Dunlap, Charles & Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Flora Chance, Layton Campbell, Carol Goodall, Charles Lakeman; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Diane Thomas, Doug Milheim

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## *Parish News*

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### **From the pastor -**

Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners voted to end the Public Health Rule requiring indoor face coverings effective Feb. 26. This means masks are now considered optional. From the mecknc.gov website announcement:

"Mecklenburg County Public Health (MCPH) advises county

residents of the following:

- Stay up to date with initial and booster vaccine doses.
- Wear a high-quality mask in indoor public settings, as appropriate.
- Stay home and take a COVID-19 test, if they experience symptoms. If positive, quickly notify any close contacts.
- Seek early treatment for COVID-19 if you are medically vulnerable."

In light of this new county-wide announcement, masks are no longer required in St. Mark's, though we support the MCPH directive to wear them "in indoor public settings, as appropriate." If you feel it is appropriate to continue to wear a mask during worship, or when you are in the church building, I encourage you to do so. As pastor, I

remain committed to keeping St. Mark's church family healthy and safe as we shift toward the next phase of the COVID-19 Response. St. Mark's remains committed to doing what we can as a religious body for the health of our nation and the world.

Together we are Christ's body the church at St. Mark's. We do this by suffering together with Christ and for others. Our Christian witness to the world is about caring for the weak and the vulnerable, modeling our Lord Jesus Christ who always walks with those in need.

May we embody God's love and compassion for our neighbor and the world.

In the grace and peace of Christ,  
Pastor Tim McKenzie  
[pastortimsmc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortimsmc@gmail.com)

## *Coming Up at St. Mark's*

### **Worship and Congregational Life**

**Senior Sunday Today** We celebrate the accomplishments of graduating high school senior, Alice Wenzel, Community School of Davidson (Appalachian State University). God bless you in your new journey and discoveries. May you use

your gifts for Christ and for your neighbor.

### **Announcement about Holy**

**Communion:** We have returned to Holy Communion distribution with stations at both the high altar and in front of the table at the 10:30 service.

**New Men's Group** Please join St. Mark's Men's Group for donuts and coffee Saturday, June 11, 9 am. If you would like to be a part of St. Mark's new Men's Group, please see John Simon or Pastor Tim.

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

**The Faith Forum class** Join us to view [The Story of the Bible](#), a Great Courses video lecture series with Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, at 9:30 in the Large Conference Room each Sunday morning. These lectures trace the Bible's long history in four chronological stages beginning with the collection of scrolls of stories, through the Reformation, to contemporary scholarship in Biblical studies.

**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/>).

**Ushers for Sunday Worship** The ministry of ushering is a crucial part of worship because it is one of the most visible ministries in the Church. Please volunteer by contacting the church office or John Simon.

### **St. Mark's Choir and Handbells.**

Last rehearsal on Wednesday evening for our choir and handbell choir is June 8th! St. Mark's Handbells 6:00-6:50 p.m. & St. Mark's Choir 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**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 you may pledge/donate online at [saintmarkscharlotte.org](http://saintmarkscharlotte.org). 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. Donations for Altar Flowers may be made using this code also.

**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.



### **Social Ministry**

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

**Loaves and Fishes** Please remember families who need some assistance putting food on the table every day. Let's continue to overflow our baker's rack with non-perishable, non-breakable food items. Or you can leave your donation by the choir room door from 10:00 - 2:00 Monday - Thursday. "I was hungry and you gave me food" Matt.25:35

**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**

**Theology on Tap:** Thursdays at 6:30 pm for young adults and the young at heart.  
June 9, Big Ben Pub, 1535 Elizabeth Ave.

### **Youth Classes**

June 5 at 9:30: Last Confirmation Class until fall, in the Fellowship Hall  
Sundays at 9:30: Youth Group in the Youth Room.

### **Announcements**

**Free Covid-19 Home Tests** Every home in the U.S. is

eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. They are available through the US Post Office at <http://special.usps.com/testkits>, or the US government at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

**Open Eyes Help Everyone!** If you see leaking pipes or something amiss in the building, please contact the church office.

**Scam Alert** We have again seen a rise in people posing as the pastor or a member of St. Mark's,

asking for a reply or to click on an encrypted file. Please do not reply to any email or click on any attachment 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 "Third Tradition", 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall; Wednesday nights "Just the Basics", 7:30 p.m. in Room 210; Thursday nights "Not a Glum Lot", 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



## Music Notes

**"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"** ELW 400 This relatively new Pentecost hymn was first published in 2000 in a collection entitled *Awake Our Hearts to Praise!* The author is Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) a professor of preaching at Gettysburg Seminary, where he eventually became Dean for five years, and then President of the college for thirteen years. Dr. Paul Westermeyer says of this hymn: "a whole series of images and attributes of the spirit are called out--in this case not the gentle ones, but powerful ones of tempest and whirlwind, blazing and burning, earthquake and thunder, and passion without sleep. The petitions are equally powerful: drive us to costly service, let your flaming Spirit surge and kindle truth against the deceit of injustice, break the chains of sin and walls that divide, and stir in us a restlessness that is not content with evil. Strong stuff!" The Welsh tune **CWM RHONDDA** (Rhondda Valley) is paired nicely with this text, as well as two additional hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, #618, "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer", and #705, "God of Grace and God of Glory".

**"Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"** ELW 578 is the classic Latin Pentecost hymn. Usually attributed to Rhabanus Maurus (776-856), Martin Luther made one of the earliest translations to German, and also modified the original Sarum plainsong ELW 577 into the simpler congregational tune we know as **KOMM, GOTT SCHOPFER**.

## *This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar*

### **June 5, Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr (c.675-754)**

Boniface (his name means "good-deeds") was born Wynfrith in Devonshire, England. He was a Benedictine monk who at the age of thirty was called to missionary work among the Germanic tribes of the Frankish Empire. His work was protected by Charles Martel, and after Charles' death Boniface carried out a thorough reform of the whole Frankish Church, abolishing the practice of simony, or the selling of ecclesiastical offices, and establishing churches, schools, and seminaries. Boniface was preparing a group in Frisia for confirmation on the eve of Pentecost when he and they were killed by a band of Frisian robbers.

**June 7, Seattle, chief of Duwamish Confederacy (c.1786-1866)**

Noah Seattle was chief of the Suquamish tribe and later became chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, a tribal alliance. When the tribes were faced with an increasing number of white settlers, Seattle chose to live and work peacefully with them rather than engage in wars. Evangelized by French missionaries, and baptized into the Roman Catholic Church, Seattle began the practice of morning and evening prayer in the tribe, a practice that continued after his death. On the centennial of his birth, the city of Seattle - named for him against his wishes - erected a monument over his grave.

**June 9, Columba, (521-597); Aidan of Lindisfarne (c.590-651); Bede (c.673-735); renewers of the church**

These three monks from the British Isles were pillars among those who kept alive the light of Christ in learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba was an Irish abbot who established a monastery on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland, where he lived for thirty-four years. From there he evangelized the mainland and established monasteries on neighboring islands. Iona was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan was a monk of Iona, and bishop of Lindisfarne. Aidan helped bring Christianity to the Northumbria area of England. His asceticism and gentleness won rapid success for his mission, stirring people to charity and good works. Bede was a biblical scholar and historian. He wrote the *Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation* (completed 731), which is considered one of the most important early Anglo-Saxon works. Though Bede did not invent the term, his use of *Anno Domini* (A.D. "year of our Lord") in the work, *De Temporal Ratione (The Reckoning of Time)* was significant in helping establish the date for Easter, along dating with early Christian history. Bede's use of "A.D." is one of the main reasons it became widely adopted. Bede is also known for his hymns, including "A hymn of glory let us sing!" (ELW 393).

**June 11, Barnabas, Apostle**

The Eastern church commemorates Barnabas as one of the Seventy commissioned by Jesus. Though he was not among the Twelve mentioned in the gospels, the book of Acts (14:14) gives him the title of apostle, and reports that he came from Cyprus (4:36). His name means "son of encouragement." When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him in, over the fears of the other apostles, who doubted Paul's discipleship. Barnabas and Paul worked in Antioch, and traveled together in mission. At the Council of Jerusalem (c. 50), Barnabas defended the claims of Gentile Christians in relation to the Mosaic law.

*Adapted from Sunday and Seasons*

## St. Mark's Prayer List

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Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests ([pastortimsmlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortimsmlc@gmail.com))

### Readings for 6/12/2022,

#### The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

*Your glory is chanted above  
the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)*

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

### Birthdays

6/7 Kevin Feezor

6/7 Susan Johnson

6/10 Janice Miller



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. If you would like to confidentially speak to a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Tim ([pastortimsmlc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortimsmlc@gmail.com))

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