



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*

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AUGUST 21, 2022

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

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**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Tune FAITHFULNESS by William M. Runyan  
Organ Setting by Dan Miller

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional Hymn**    “O Day of Rest and Gladness” ELW 521

ELLACOMBE

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:  
on you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” to the great God triune.
2. On you, at earth’s creation, the light first had its birth;  
on you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
on you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav’n;  
and thus on you, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv’n.
3. Today on weary nations the heav’nly manna falls;  
to holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
and living water flowing with soul-refreshing streams.

4. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.  
We sing to you our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the church its voice up-raises to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt. Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X.L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome**

Cliff Edahl, Congregation Council President

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

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

**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. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Temple Talk

“Fly Forever Learning Academy”

Albert Horne, Susan Lakeman

## WORD

### First Reading

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

Karen Feezor, lector

<sup>9</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 103:1-8

Christian Souza, Delenn Rumbolo, cantors

Psalm 103:4 (John Paradowski) Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress



The LORD crowns you with mer - cy and stead - fast love.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup>who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup>The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### Second Reading

**Hebrews 12:18-29**

Karen Feezor, lector

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.”) <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made

perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Please stand as able.*

### The Holy Gospel Luke 13:10-17

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

*“Sabbath - Law versus Gospel”*

Brad Alexander

## **Anthem**

“Come unto Him, All Ye That Labor” from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel; Madeline Hamrick, soprano

*Come unto him, all ye that labor, come unto him,  
that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest.  
Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart:  
and ye shall find rest, unto your souls.*

*Please stand as able.*

## **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., prayer assistant)

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in the covenant of Holy Baptism to strive for justice and peace on all the earth. Use the diverse gifts of your church in every place in service to the whole people of God everywhere. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of Creation, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Fill us with peace, so that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Comforter, you provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal any who experience addiction, depression, and anxiety, and set free all who cry out to you for help. May your healing strength be upon: Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, Jeff Casella, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Carol Marion, Vann Milheim, Shirley Larson, Diann Krewson, Mindy Curley, Steve Rach, Oakley Coburn, Stanley Davis, Connie Pope, Arlene Fielding, Anthony Perrini, Sergei Kobiakov, Diane Adams, Bill Schwartz, Mickey Byrd, Christopher Shirley, Kaoru Otsubo, Joan Love, and Tony Ananich. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Leading God, you sent Jesus into the world to give people peace. We ask that you grant our leaders wisdom, discernment, and strength to lead with love. We ask that you grant our community leaders to display courage, hope, and kindness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord of Hosts, we give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered for prayer and praise in this sacred place. Lead and inspire us daily to live with hope and love until, we too, find rest in your kingdom of grace and peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, for all students returning to school, send your spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them from danger and unnecessary harm. Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your spirit fill their hearts. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.  
**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**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Early American Tune FOUNDATION; Organ Setting by Timothy Shaw

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

### **Holy Communion**

When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving we remembered that “in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.”

We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

### 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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

### 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

"Lamb of God" from *All Creation Sings, Holy Communion Setting Eleven*

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
Grant us your peace. A - men.

“Reverie” from *Partita on ‘How Firm a Foundation’* Setting by Alice Jordan

*Please stand as able.*

### Post-Communion Blessing

#### Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### SENDING BLESSING

The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” ELW 796

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
2. “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

3. “When through fi’ry trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”
  
4. “Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787. Alt.; Music: Early American

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

“Fantasy-Toccata on ‘FOUNDATION’”

Alice Jordan



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**Worship Leaders:** CLP Brad Alexander; prayer assistant: Michael Lakeman; crucifer/acolyte: Michael Lakeman; lector: Karen Feezor; live streaming camera: Laura Foust; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Tom Sehorn, Benny Cox, Susan Ginns, Mindy Curley; greeters: Kay Sehorn, Michael & Tara Thompson; communion assistants: Layton Campbell, Ken Hazen, Rebecca Huang, Jay Jacob, Gretchen Payne; communion helper: Karen Covington; nursery attendant: Liz Boldman; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Cliff Edahl; musicians: St. Mark’s Summer Choir, Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors; Madeline Hamrick, soprano soloist; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Mike Doyne; crucifer: Riley Smith; acolyte: Kelsey Smith; lector: Kay Finlon; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: TBD; ushers: Team C; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Jackie Ellington; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Karen Feezor, Kevin Feezor, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Kay Finlon; nursery attendants: Betsy Wenzel; tabulators: Janice Miller, Charles Lakeman



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## Parish News

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### **From the pastor -**

It is a joy to gather together as Christ's body! Though masks are optional at St. Mark's, we support all who choose to wear a mask. We continue to support the following Mecklenburg County Public Health (MCPH) directives:

- 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 experiencing symptoms. If positive, quickly notify any close contacts.

Masks are always available in the Narthex should you need one.

St. Paul writes, "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:3-5)

We share in one another's sufferings, knowing that God works hope through each of us, pouring out love for the sake of one another and the world.

In the hope and love of Christ,  
Pastor Tim McKenzie  
pastortimsmc@gmail.com

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

### **Worship and Congregational Life**

**Altar Flowers today** are given to the Glory of God by Layton Campbell and Lester Ackerman, in honor of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Summer Recital Series concert at St. Mark's, Sunday evening, August 21st, 7:00 pm.

**We welcome today's guest preacher!** Brad Alexander is a Certified Lay Preacher of the NC Synod of the ELCA, commissioned in June 2019 and endorsed by Bishop Smith. He worships at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Gastonia,

serving as an Adult Sunday School Teacher, member of the Congregational Care Team and various other areas in the Congregation. Brad is an active member of Redeemer's Lutheran Men in Mission and serves on the State Executive Board of the NC LMM. Brad is married, has two grown daughters and one granddaughter. **Thank you Brad!**

**Today's temple talk speaker,** Albert Horne, is a member of St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Charlotte. In 2016 he started "Fly Forever Learning Academy" at St. Thomas. Albert volunteers at the St. Mark's Soup kitchen when he isn't mentoring the kids.

**8/15-9/2 Pastor McKenzie will be on vacation.** In the case of a pastoral emergency please contact or the church office 704-375-9185. Thank you.

**God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9/11.** We are planning the kick-off of our fall programming on "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday. There will be a "Blessing of Backpacks and Bags" for young people returning to school as well as service events after worship for the whole congregation. Please save the date, and watch for more details coming soon!

**American Guild of Organists Summer Concert Sunday, August 21 at 7pm** in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy music by Jane Hart-Brendle, violin, Christine Van Arsdale, harp, and Lester Ackerman, organ.

**St. Mark's Book Study Group** will meet on Thursday, August 25 at 10 am--both in person and via Zoom. Our book this month is *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann B. Rose. Miss Julia, a recently bereaved and newly wealthy widow, is only slightly bemused when one Hazel Marie Puckett appears at her door with a youngster in tow and unceremoniously announces that the child is the bastard son of Miss Julia's late husband. Suddenly, this longtime church member and pillar of her small Southern community finds herself in the center of an unseemly scandal--and the guardian of a wan nine-year-old whose mere presence turns her life upside down. But, with razor-sharp wit and perfect "Steel Magnolia" poise, Miss Julia speaks her mind indeed--about a robbery, a kidnapping, and the other disgraceful events precipitated by her husband's death. Fast-paced and charming, with a sure sense of comic drama, a cast of crazy characters, and a strong Southern cadence, *Miss Julia Speaks*

Her Mind will delight readers from the first page to the last. All interested persons are cordially invited to participate. Please contact Judy Tolbert or Kay Sehorn for more information.

**Committee for Visible Partnerships** This committee has been appointed by St. Mark's Congregation Council for the purpose of exploring and envisioning the use of St. Mark's building by outside organizations in the furtherance Christ's mission by raising awareness of our presence in this community. Committee members are: Cliff Edahl, Genna Hurley, Rob Johnson, Gretchen Payne, Melissa Smith and Pastor Tim McKenzie.

**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.

**"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 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.

**Thanks to your generosity**, we were able to deliver 323 lbs. of food to LOAVES & FISHES from our special summer drive. The need is always present and we continue to collect donations for Loaves & Fishes throughout the year. We collect NON-GLASS, NON-BREAKABLE, and NON-PERISHABLE food items. Again, thank you for continuing to support our efforts in helping those less fortunate in our community!

**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. August 25: Lenny Boy Brewing Co., 3000 S. Tryon St. Please note, beginning in September, Theology on Tap will meet twice monthly.

### **Youth Classes**

Sundays at 9:30: Youth Group in the Youth Room. Godly Play at 10:30 in the Children's Library. Confirmation Class is on break until fall.

### **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, ask-

ing 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*

**"How Firm a Foundation"** ELW 796 The authorship of this hymn text has always been a mystery to hymnologists. We know it was first published in 1787 in a hymnal compiled by Dr. John Rippon (1751-1836), pastor for sixty-three years at Carter's Lane Baptist Church, London, England. The hymn appeared anonymously in his collection with the author indicated merely as "K", and in later reprints "Keen". Since the music director in Dr. Rippon's church was named Richard Keene, it is generally accepted that he was the author of the text. There are many scriptural references: Isaiah 43:1-5, Isaiah 41:10, 2 Corinthians 12:9, and II Timothy 2:19. It is basically about the promises of God, and our hymnal uses quotation marks for all the stanzas in which various promises are quoted. The original hymn has seven stanzas, Evangelical Lutheran Worship includes four. Here is an additional stanza (7): "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for Repose, I will not, I will not desert to his Foes; That soul, tho' all Hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never--no never--no never forsake." The tune **FOUNDATION** is one of the many anonymous American tunes that first appeared in an 1832 collection by Joseph Funk, a German Mennonite based in the Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia.

**"O Day of Rest and Gladness"** ELW 521 Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), a nephew of the famous English poet William Wordsworth (1770-1850), entitled this hymn "Sunday" in his collection *Holy Year* (1862). He reminds us that we should make Sunday a day of rest, of glad worship, and a reminder of Christ's resurrection. **ELLACOMBE** is an anonymous Roman Catholic tune from the eighteenth and nineteenth century Germany. **ELLACOMBE** is an English name given to this tune, named after a place or locality.

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

### **August 24, Bartholomew, Apostle**

Bartholomew is mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, Luke and Acts. The list in John does not include him, but rather Nathanael. These two are often assumed to be the same person. Except for his name on lists of the Twelve, little is known. Some traditions say Bartholomew preached in India or Armenia following the resurrection. In art, Bartholomew is pictured holding a flaying knife to indicate the manner in which he was reportedly killed in Armenia.

# AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS SUMMER CONCERT AT ST. MARK'S

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21  
AT 7 PM



FEATURING  
JANE HART BRENDLE, VIOLIN  
CHRISTINE VAN ARSDALE, HARP  
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## School Supply Donation Drive

St. Mark's is supporting Fly Forever Learning Academy, run by Albert Horne, a frequent volunteer at our Soup Kitchen. There are 15 kids who need school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year.

See Liz Boldman for a Shopping List



## St. Mark's Prayer List

Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, Jeff Casella, Rona Reeves, David Kutscher, Carol Marion, Vann Milheim, Shirley Larson, Diann Krewson, Mindy Curley, Steve Rach, Oakley Coburn, Stanley Davis, Connie Pope, Arlene Fielding, Anthony Perrini, Sergei Kobiakov, Phedora Johnson, Diane Adams, Bill Schwartz, Mickey Byrd, Christopher Shirley, Kaoru Otsubo, Joan Love and Tony Ananich.

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

### Readings for 8/28/2022, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalms 112

*I feed you with the finest wheat  
and satisfy you with honey  
from the rock. (Ps. 81:16)*

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

### Birthdays

8/22 Doug Milheim

8/23 Barbara Mobley

8/24 Katie Zager

8/24 Lucy Ilderton

8/27 Matt Hurley

8/27 Karl Sawyer



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 ([pastortimsmc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortimsmc@gmail.com))

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