



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known

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AUGUST 28, 2022

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

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

“Festive Bells”

John Rutter

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” ELW 533

UNSER HERRSCHER

1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
how-so-e'er temptations thicken may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.

5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Music: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Temple Talk

“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

Susan Lakeman

WORD

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

Kay Finlon, lector

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 112

Christian Souza, Delenn Rumbolo, cantors

Psalm 112:4 (John Paradowski) Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress



¹Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments. ²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. ⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. ⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. ⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. ⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor. ¹⁰The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Kay Finlon, lector

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 14:1, 7-14

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Rev. Sara Ilderton

Anthem

“Lead Me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness”

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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

(Mike Doyne., 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.

Merciful God, you welcome all people to the banquet, the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Empower your church throughout the world to be a sign of unconditional welcome to all people, showing hospitality to the stranger, the outcast, and the vulnerable so that the world might know you are a loving God who forgives and welcomes every person. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the beauty and resources of this Earth. Guide us to use its bounty carefully, respecting it and exercising restraint so future generations may benefit from what it offers. Help us to use our minds to understand and creatively solve problems, minimizing our impact on the environment while maximizing the benefits to life in general on this earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of Justice, in welcoming the stranger we often welcome you, entertaining angels unawares. Lead and help the leaders of this nation, as well as leaders throughout the world, to lead through humble service so that the oppressed, the refugee, and the weak might find welcome, justice, and peace in every land. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Father of our Lord and Savior, this morning, Luke's Gospel reading is a parable about humility. By putting others before ourselves, we model one part of a Christ-like life. Help us look beyond our selfish needs, objectives and pleasures. Open our hearts and minds to deny ourselves, and instead, to defer to and serve others, whose needs, problems and issues are known only to you. We humbly ask that you would strengthen members of St. Mark's church family: 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, Bill Schwartz, Mickey Byrd, Christopher Shirley, Kaoru Otsubo, Joan Love, and Tony Ananich. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord of Life, we remember children and youth in this congregation preparing to return to schools for another year of learning. In the coming year also bless St. Mark's family ministries, Liz Boldman and parents, so that together, the children and youth of St. Mark's might grow in faith and loving service to you and their neighbors in this world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge before you our sinfulness, shortfalls and self-absorption. We seek your forgiveness for these failings and ask that you strengthen and guide us that we live more Christ-like lives. Energize us, like the saints before us, to be more spiritually aware, helping raise up others and care for them as Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 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 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

Organ setting by Paul O. Manz

Offering Prayer

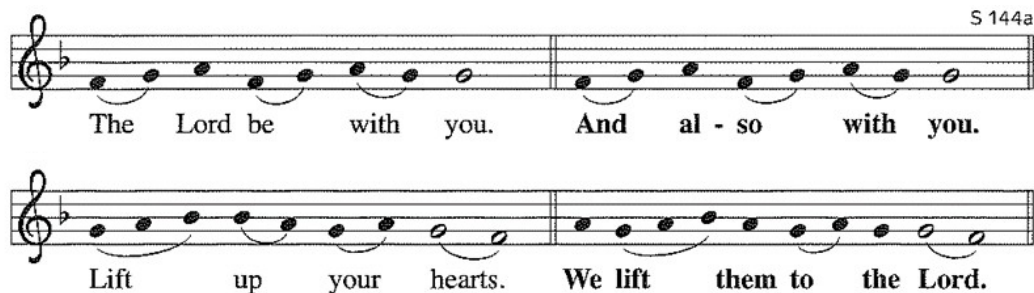
Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Please stand as able.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving



S 144a

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*

S 144b

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 -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

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

"Communion"

Louis Vierne

"Three Variations on 'WESTMINSTER ABBEY'"

Richard Proulx

"Three Elevations, No. 2"

Marcel Dupré

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 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712

BEACH SPRING

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Toccata in F Major,” BuxWV 157 (first section)

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Worship Leaders: Rev. Sara Ilderton; prayer assistant: Mike Doyne; crucifer: Riley Smith; acolyte: Kelsey Smith; lector: Kay Finlon; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Tom Sehorn, Benny Cox, Susan Ginns, Mindy Curley; greeters: ; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Karen Feezor, Kevin Feezor, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Kay Finlon; nursery attendant: Betsy Wenzel; tabulators: Janice Miller, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark's Summer Choir, Amy Woodall, directing; Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors; Keith McNab, guest organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Melissa Smith; crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: Andrew Puky; lector: Brooks Stevenson; live streaming camera: ; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Team D; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Jackie Ellington; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Karen Feezor, Kevin Feezor, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Karen Covington; nursery attendants: Neil & Charlotte Dixon; tabulators: Cliff Edahl, Doug Milheim

Parish News

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

We welcome today's guest pastor! Rev. Sara Ilderton serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy and Boundaries. She has served on the Bishop's Staff for nearly 6 years. Prior to that Rev. Ilderton served as pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church here in Charlotte. She and her husband, Cliff, still live in Charlotte where they are learning to navigate the virtual learning world with their two high school aged children, Lucy and Henry. **Thank you Pastor Sara!**

8/15-9/2 Pastor McKenzie will be on vacation. In

the case of a pastoral emergency please contact the church office 704-375-9185. Thank you.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9/11. Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,900 congregations participating in "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, Sept 11. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities and right here at St. Mark's. Service projects are: the Men's Group (all men 17+ years or older are welcome) will be cleaning up around St. Mark's campus and along part of Edgehill; School supplies - help pack the school supplies into bags for the kids at Fly Forever Learning Academy; Youth Room - join others in helping to refresh the youth room with a new coat of paint. Please sign up in the Gathering Place or see Susan Lakeman for details.

GWOH Saturday, 9/10 Runningworks Shuffle Race

Let's carpool at the church at 8am to serve as water stop volunteers for the race. Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

Vespers at St. Mark's: "Bach to Big Band"-Charlotte Brass Quintet Fall Concert, Sunday, September 25 at 5pm. Mark your calendars!

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 of 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. 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. September 1: Sir Edmond Halley's Pub, 4151 Park Road A.

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, 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

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712 Albert F. Bayly wrote this hymn in 1961 at the request of the Hymn Society of America, in search of new hymns on social welfare. It was printed with six other hymns of the more than two hundred submissions in *Seven New Social Welfare Hymns* (1961). Bayly's hymn reflects concerns of the early sixties, yet its message still presents the challenges of today's church, including issues of the homeless, sorrowful, hungry, the sick, and the aged. The American shape note tune **BEACH SPRING**, attributed to Benjamin Franklin White (1800-1879) complements this hymn beautifully. The tune is named for the Beach Spring Baptist Church in Harris County, GA. The church is actually Beech Spring Baptist, with its location near two beech trees at a spring. White's misspelling of the name **BEACH SPRING** has been retained.

The title of today's organ prelude, **"Festive Bells,"** is a worthy description. Written very recently by the immensely successful British composer John Rutter, it captures the essence of the peal of a large cathedral's bells on a festival day.

The offertory is a setting of the chorale **"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee,"** which is a hymn in our hymnbook. The original tune and German text were composed by Georg Neumark in 1641. The arrangement by Paul Manz (1919-2009) is in a classic chorale prelude form much like that of J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." Sections based on bits of the chorale melody alternate with sections of the chorale itself.

The first communion piece, entitled **"Communion,"** was composed by Louis Vierne, one of the most important organists and organ music composers of his time. He died at the organ console in 1937 during his 750th organ recital at Notre-Dame of Paris. He had been the organist there since 1900.

The postlude is the first section of the **Toccata in F Major, Bux157**, by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707). A toccata is a keyboard piece in a free style (i.e., not based on pre-existing material) with rapid runs and full harmonies. This piece could well have been named a "toccata and fugue," but North German toccatas of the day often had multiple sections that exhibited completely different styles and themes. This piece has only two sections, though. The first one really sounds like a toccata, and the second (not heard today) is definitely a fugue.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

August 28, Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (354-430)

Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. Born in North Africa, he was a philosophy student in Carthage, where he later became a teacher of rhetoric. Though his mother Monica was a Christian, Augustine sought truth in ancient philosophy. As an adult he came under the influence of Ambrose, bishop of Milan, who challenged him intellectually to grow in faith. Augustine was baptized by Ambrose at Easter Vigil in 387. He was ordained four years later and consecrated bishop of Hippo in 396. A defender of the Christian faith, Augustine argued against the Donatists, that the holiness of the church depended not upon the holiness of its members and clergy, but upon the holiness that comes from Christ, the head of the church. Augustine's autobiography, *Confessions*, tells of his spiritual struggles and his journey toward faith.

August 28, Moses the Black, monk, martyr (330-405)

Born in Ethiopia, Moses the Black was converted to Christian faith toward the close of the fourth century, after having been a thief and a leader of a gang of robbers. Though the story of his conversion is not certain, he eventually became a monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native Ethiopia. He became devoted to nonviolence and was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

September 2, Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church (1783-1872)

Grundtvig was one of two principal Danish theologians of the nineteenth century; the other was Søren

Kierkegaard. Grundtvig's ministry as a parish pastor had a difficult start. He was officially censured after his first sermon, though he did receive approval a year later to be ordained. In 1826 he was forced to resign after he attacked the notion that Christianity was merely a philosophical idea rather than God's revelation made known to us in Christ and through word and sacrament. This belief would be a hallmark of Grundtvig's writing. He spent the last thirty-three years of his life as pastor of the Vartov hospital church in Copenhagen. From his university days he was convinced that poetry spoke to the human spirit better than prose. In 1861 Gudtvig received the title of Bishop in the Church of Denmark, but without a see. He continued to write and publish until his death. He wrote more than a thousand hymns, including "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" (ELW 509).



**GOD'S WORK
OUR HANDS**
SAT SEPT. 10

MEET US AT THE CHURCH @ 8:00 AM
 RUNNINGWORKS IS HOSTING THEIR
 SOUTHEND SHUFFLE RACE AND NEED
 WATER STOP VOLUNTEERS. WE WILL
 CARPOOL FROM THE CHURCH AND
 BE DONE AROUND 10:00 AM


SIGN UP IS IN THE GATHERING PLACE

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11,
2022**

DURING WORSHIP!
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

EVENTS AFTER WORSHIP!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR
LEARNING ACADEMY**
PAINT THE YOUTH ROOM
**MEN'S GROUP GROUNDS
CLEAN-UP**



**God's Work
Our Hands**

VESPERS AT ST. MARK'S
"Bach to Big Band"
CHARLOTTE BRASS QUINTET FALL CONCERT



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
5:00PM

 SaintMarksCharlotte.org  704-375-9815  1001 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC

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, 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)

Readings for 9/4/2022, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

*They are like trees planted by
streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)*

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Birthdays

8/29 Kimberly Zimmerman

8/31 Cathy Ritchie

9/1 Harold Finlon

9/2 Sybille Brown



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)

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