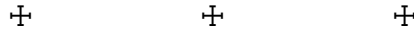




ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Today, we are invited to consider what it means to be “managers” (in Greek, an “oikonomon,” one who manages the economy of a house) of God’s gifts, both those of our lives and of our congregation. Our model of faithfulness in all things is “Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all.” Stewardship of resources, indeed, of our very lives, begins with a recognition that it is God’s grace that has given each of us life and all we possess.*

GATHERING

*Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

*The Offering will be brought forward by the ushers during the Offertory Anthem.*

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

**Prelude**

“Prelude for Horn and Organ” Op. 51

Burnet Corwin Tuthill

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional Hymn** “Let Streams of Living Justice” ELW 710

THAXTED

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;  
give freedom’s light to captives, let all the poor have worth.  
The hungry’s hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.  
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow’r;  
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people’s hour.
2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.  
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city’s built to music; we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others’ dreams,  
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way-the path untried;  
your truth-the heart of stranger; your life-the Crucified.

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome**

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

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

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**  
**We have harmed your good creation.**  
**We have failed to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and walk humbly with you.**  
**Turn us in a new direction.**  
**Show us the path that leads to life.**  
**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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 among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Marty Schwartz, lector

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 113

Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors



Psalm 113:7 (Dorothy Christopherson) Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore. <sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. <sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. <sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, <sup>6</sup>who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? <sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, <sup>8</sup>to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. <sup>9</sup>He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

### Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Marty Schwartz, lector

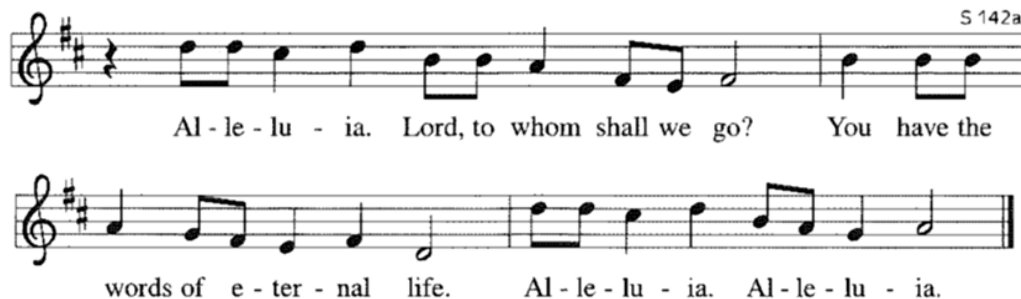
<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*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 as able.*

**The Holy Gospel                      Luke 16:1-13**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Homily**

*“Be faithful in little and in much”*

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

**Hymn of the Day**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” ELW 655

IN BABILONE

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
2. As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932; Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlites en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932

*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.*

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. *A brief silence.*

God our Savior, through the prophets you called your people Israel to care for the needy, the poor and the oppressed, and in Jesus you have given us a model of justice and compassion. Embolden your church in every place to care for the poor, always working to end injustice and oppression in all its forms in this world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Leading God, We pray for every leader around the world; give them wisdom and discernment as they lead. We pray that you would surround each one of them with wise counsel, that they would be humble and kind, patient and loving through their actions and words. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, We place into your care all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by COVID-19. Bless these 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, 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, Tony Ananich, Kota Lorensen, Jon McKenzie, Betty Lentz, Ingrid Keiris, and the Sayles-Studer family. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you have blessed this congregation with an abundance of gifts. Bless St. Mark's members, friends, partners, and staff, to make faithful use of the financial and spiritual resources and opportunities with which you continue to bless this congregation. May we always faithfully use these gifts as witnesses to your love for the needs of all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of glory, you gather the communion of saints, both on earth and around your throne. May we be faithful in all things, living for you and our neighbor, and at the end, bring us with the saints to the

heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; 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

*(Offerings may be placed in the plate at the sanctuary entrance)*

### Anthem

“Spirit of God, Descend”

Tune by Frederick C. Atkinson; Setting for choir, horn and organ by John Helgen

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean if from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.*

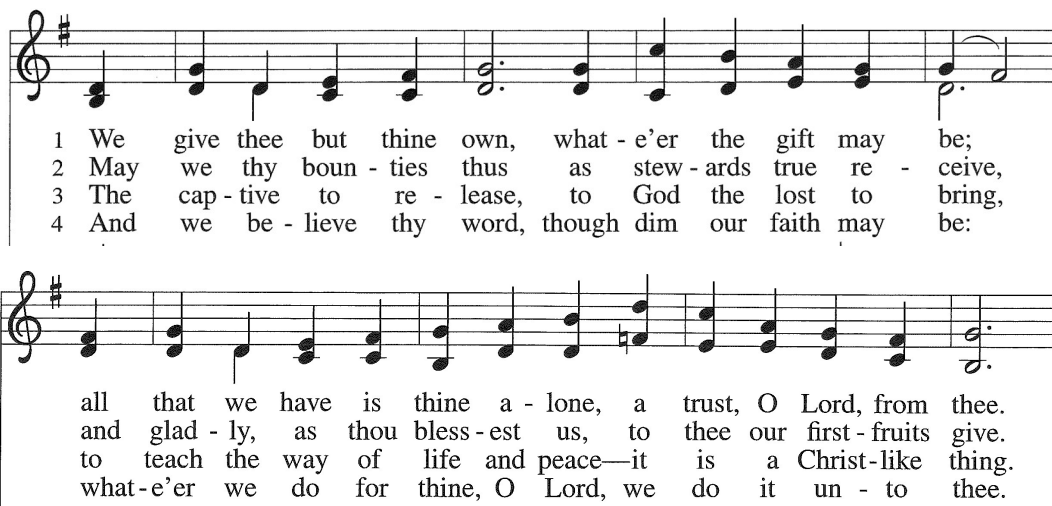
*Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

### Offertory

*(The offering is brought forward from the Narthex)*

“We Give thee but Thine Own” ELW 686, Stanzas 1 & 2

HEATH



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **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

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

## 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 *Holy Communion Setting Three*

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

“Prelude on ‘Let Justice Flow like Streams’”

Tune by Aaron Williams; Organ setting by Bernard Wayne Sanders

“Prelude on ‘Let Streams of Living Justice’”

Tune by Gustav Holst; Setting for horn and organ by David Howard Pettit

*Please stand as able.*

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### **SENDING BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

“Let Justice Flow like Streams” ELW 717

ST. THOMAS

1. Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.
2. Let righteousness roll on as others’ cares we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.
3. So may God’s plumb line, straight, define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

“Le Rejouissance” (The Rejoicing) from *Royal Fireworks Music*

G. F. Handel

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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayers: Michael Lakeman; crucifer/acolyte: Michael Lakeman; lector: Marty Schwartz; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Ken Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley; greeters: Millie Cansler, Bill & Jane Thompson; communion assistants: Ruth Barrett, Cliff Edahl, Carol Goodall, Ken Hazen, Jay Jacob; communion helper: Kay Finlon; nursery attendant: Shelley & Kendall Ferner; tabulators: Meg Fielding, Alan Harms; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors; Philip Brindise, horn; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Michael Thompson; crucifer: Kelsey Smith; acolyte: Riley Smith; lector: Lisa Barnette; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: Team D; greeters: Joanne Marz, Ted Seman, David Thomason; communion assistants: Layton Campbell, Carol Goodall, Rebecca Huang, Gretchen Payne, Lawanna Stoeckel; communion helper: Sandy Rach; nursery attendant: Elsa Wartner, Liz Boldman; tabulators: Karen Feezor, Charles Lakeman



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## Parish News

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## Coming Up at St. Mark's

### 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

### Worship and Congregational Life

**Altar Flowers today** are given in Memory of Dr. Samuel L. Sehorn, Mr. Kevin Crocker, and Mrs. Kelly Crocker Welchel by Tom & Kay Sehorn, Matt & Ashley Frusti, and Bryan & Shelley Ashcroft.

**Today for all Youth: Acolyte and Crucifer Training after the 10:30 Service**, led by Pastor Tim, Liz Boldman, and Susan Lakeman. All youth are encouraged to attend.

**Bereavement Coordinator Position Open** The Congregational Life Committee is seeking a coordinator for our Bereavement sub-committee. This person (or persons - it could be a team of two) would serve as the liaison between Pastor McKenzie and our committee when there is a death in our congregation. Offering a time of fellowship to bereaved families in our congregation is a time-honored tradition that has provided comfort and consolation to many, many people throughout our church's long history, and we hope to be able to continue this tradition. Please contact any of the following if you'd like to discuss this position or would like to volunteer, contact Jane McCall, Susan Lakeman, or Karen Feezor. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of this position and pray that the Holy Spirit will move among us so that we can continue our Bereavement Ministry.

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

### **9/24 Charlotte Museum of History Tour**

St. Mark's has been chosen for inclusion in this year's "Mad About Modern" mid-century architectural tour. We are delighted and grateful that more people may experience the beauty of St. Mark's sacred space. The tour is held under the auspices of the Charlotte Museum of History. Tickets are available at <https://charlottemuseum.org/programs-events/>

**9/20 St. Mark's Men's Group** will be volunteering at Ronald McDonald House to make dinner.

**Vespers at St. Mark's: "Sound the Trumpet"** Trumpet and Organ Recital with Gabriel Slesinger & Les Ackerman, Sunday, October 9 at 5pm.

**October Book Swap** We're going to have a book swap! Do you have books you enjoyed reading and now want to share with friends? Or, have you just run out of room for any more books? Start collecting them to bring to the Gathering Place in October. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

**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** invites everyone to join us at 9:30 in the Large Conference room for study and reflection on the Holy Scriptures.

**"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**

**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.

**A FALL DRIVE TO ASSIST PAT'S PLACE.** Hopefully the baskets are filling up with gifts for the children leaving Pat's Place after being interviewed and treated by trained professionals. These children have been physically or sexually abused or have witnessed a violent crime. They arrive at Pat's Place traumatized, in pain physically and emotionally. But after their visit to Pat's Place and leaving with a small gift from the gift shelves, they hopefully have a brief smile on their face. Then the work begins by Pat's Place in assisting police and lawyers in bringing the perpetrator to justice. Let's help with providing those smiles by overflowing the baskets with our donations and love for these children.

**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 22:** Leroy Fox Cotswold, 705 S. Sharon Amity Rd. (Next TOT: 10/6)

## Youth Classes

Sundays at 9:30: Youth Group in the Youth Room.  
Godly Play at 10:30 in the Children's Library.

**Confirmation Class** resumes 9/25 at 9:30. Please see Pastor or Liz Boldman for details.

## Announcements

**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

**"Let Streams of Living Justice"** ELW 710 William Whitla (b.1934), a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, wrote this hymn in 1989. It was first published in a collection of hymns *Sing Justice! Do Justice!* The author writes: "I wrote this hymn just after the events in Tiananmen Square, and when the Mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina were bringing their campaign to the conscience of the world. At the same time, the religious and racial disputes in Ireland, Israel-Palestine, the Congo and other parts of Africa, and in Canada and many other countries over First Nation or Aboriginal rights all seemed impossible to solve. Unfortunately, similar events are still replayed, and only too-similar images in the Near East, Iraq, Afghanistan, and now Somalia--recur and are now extended well beyond those earlier sad happenings. So, I used some images from those events in verse one, to tell the bad news before the Good News of final two verses". The tune THAXTED was composed by Gustav Holst (1874-1934) and comes from his orchestral piece *The Planets* where it is the theme for "Jupiter." Holst lived in Thaxted, Essex, England for most of his life.

## This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

### September 18, Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society (1905-1961)

Dag Hammarskjöld was a Swedish diplomat and humanitarian who served as Secretary General of the United Nations. He was killed in a plane crash on this day in 1961 in what is now Zambia while he was on his way to negotiate a cease fire between the United Nations and the Katanga forces. For years Hammarskjöld had kept a private journal, and it was not until that journal was published as *Markings* that the depth of his Christian faith was known. The book revealed that his life was a combination of diplomatic service and personal spirituality, and of contemplation on the meaning of Christ in his life and action in the world.

### September 21, Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew (Levi in the gospels of Mark and Luke) was a tax collector for the Roman government in Capernaum. Tax collectors were distrusted because they were often dishonest and cooperated with the occupying Roman government. In the gospels, tax collectors are mentioned as sinful and despised

outcasts, but it was these outcasts to whom Jesus showed love and mercy. Matthew's name means "gift of the Lord." Since the second century, tradition has attributed the first gospel to him.



The Charlotte Museum of History  
2022 Mad About Modern Tour

St. Mark's has been chosen  
for the 11th annual tour!  
Saturday, September 24  
10 am to 4 pm

For more information please visit:  
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This is a Museum fundraiser, with proceeds supporting their mission to preserve Charlotte's unique history, enrich the community through shared understanding of the past, and inspire dialogue about the future.

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022  
5:00PM



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VESPERS AT ST. MARK'S  
SOUND THE TRUMPET



GABRIEL SLESINGER, IN RECITAL  
WITH LESTER ACKERMAN, ORGANIST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022  
5:00 PM



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## Donations for pat's place

a child advocacy agency

Social Ministry is requesting donations of small gifts for the children who are helped at pat's place. Suggestions for these items are listed on the poster in the Gathering Place. Please help replace the children's arrival tears with a smile!

### 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, Tony Ananich, Kota Lorensen, Jon McKenzie, Betty Lentz, Ingrid Keiris, and the Sayles-Studer family.

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

#### Readings for 9/25/2022, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

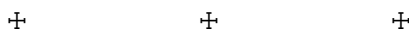
Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
 Psalm 146  
*The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)*  
 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
 Luke 16:19-31

#### Birthdays

9/18 Benny Cox  
 9/19 Diane Thomas  
 9/21 Jay Harbinson  
 9/21 Margarete Gobel  
 9/21 Kimberly Zimmerman  
 9/22 Charles Timm  
 9/23 Alex Doyne  
 9/23 Ron Wenzel, Jr.



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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