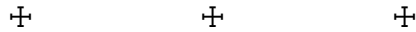




ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*



SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Consideration of and care for those in need, especially those "at our gate," those who are visible to us, and those about whom we are aware, is an essential component of Christian discipleship. As followers of Christ, we share our wealth in order that we avoid the snare of wealth. We are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share. In this way, we take hold of the life that really is life.*

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**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Traditional North American Tune CLOSER WALK

Setting for saxophone and piano by Gary Lanier

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" ELW 879

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1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
5. For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

*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. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Lisa Barnette, lector

<sup>1</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, <sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 146

Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors

Psalm 146 (Thomas Pavlechko)



The Lord gives jus - tice to those who are op - pressed.

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. <sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. <sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

### Second Reading

**1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Lisa Barnette, lector

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*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 16:19-31

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

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ.

### Homily

*“Rich in good works”*

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

### Hymn of the Day

“Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715, stanzas 1 & 5

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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*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 Thompson., 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.*

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works, and ready to share their gifts with others for your glory. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of healing, across Your creation we see communities struggling with the effects of extreme weather and climate change. From powerful hurricanes in the Caribbean and extraordinary flooding in Pakistan, to famine in parts of Africa and drought in the American West, we are living on a planet in crisis. Grant us the wisdom to work together and develop solutions that will help us recover from the damage we've inflicted on our world, and restore the bountiful goodness of Your creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill or in need of your strength: 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, and the Sayles-Studer family. Stir us to act with compassion for our neighbors. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of strength, through your Son, Jesus Christ, You gave us a new commandment to love one another in the same way that You have loved us - a standard we consistently fail to meet. Instead, we focus on the trappings of this world, on luxuries and feasts that deter our attention away from the things that matter most - love for our neighbor, compassion for those in crisis, and care for Your creation. Help us to find our way back to You by focusing more on those things, and less on ourselves. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Living Word, enliven us to always offer praise and song. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. Bless St. Mark's music ministry, vespers series, and the gifts of the many musicians and musical partnerships we have been blessed with. God of grace  
**hear our prayer.**

God, our provider, we came into this world with nothing, and we will leave it with the same. While we live our lives on Earth, show us the way to do so with righteousness and godliness, faith and love, endurance and gentleness, and a steadfast commitment to lifting others up so they too may know You and the riches of heaven. 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

"Pacem" (Peace)

Setting for choir, saxophone and organ by Lee Dengler

Sung in Latin *"Give us peace, and on earth peace to all of good will"*

### Offertory

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

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712, stanza 1

BEACH SPRING

The musical score is written on four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the notes on each staff.

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.

## Offering Prayer

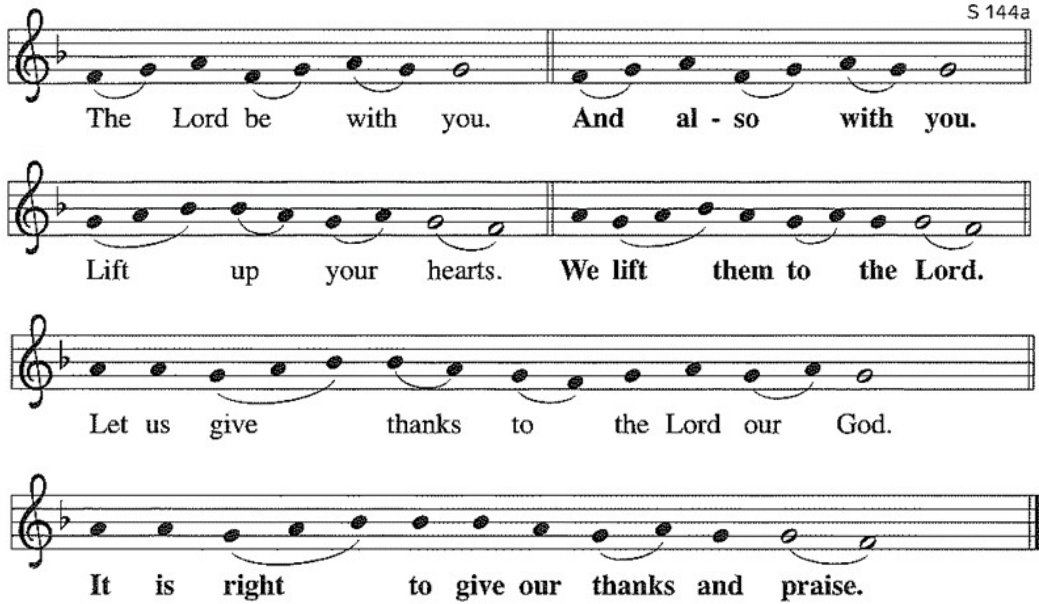
Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

## Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

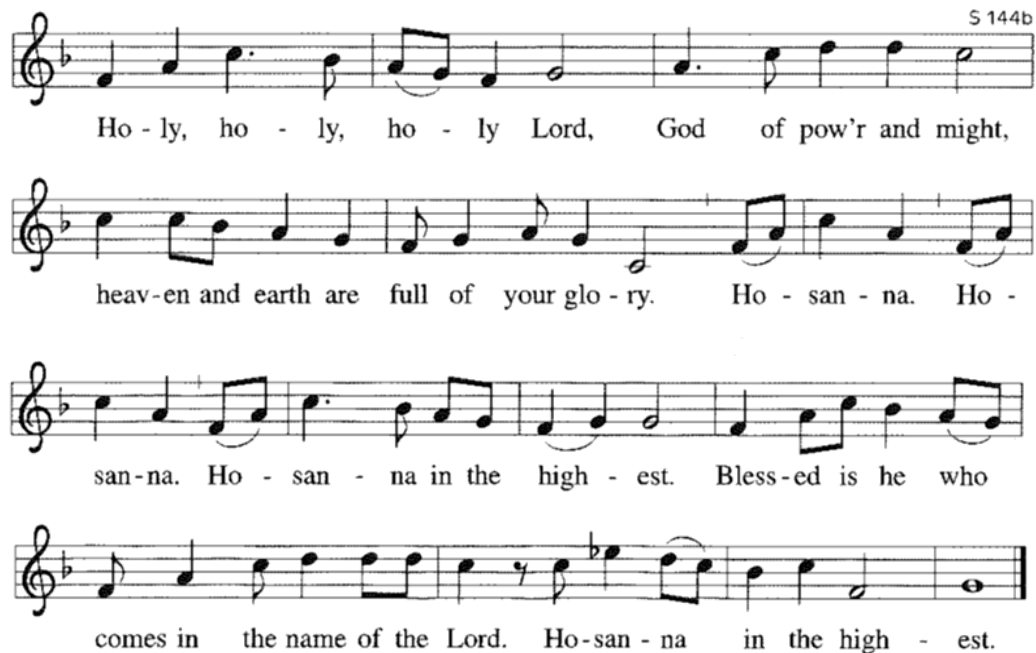
## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

*Holy Communion Setting Three*

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

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 ‘Come, Thou Almighty King’”

Tune by Felice de Giardini; Organ setting by Gerard Krapf

“Hymn to Hope” for saxophone and piano

Rolf Lovland

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

**Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

“Come, Thou Almighty King” ELW 408

ITALIAN HYMN

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing:  
help us to praise; Father all-glorious, o’er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;  
our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy  
word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.
3. come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, rule now in  
ev’ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow’r.
4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be  
hence evermore! Thy sov’rign majesty may we in  
glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

“Thine Is the Glory”

Tune JUDAS MACCABAEUS by G. F. Handel

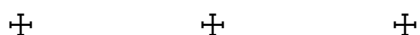
Setting for alto saxophone and organ by Douglas Smith



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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Michael Thompson; crucifer: Kelsey Smith; acolyte: Riley Smith; lector: Lisa Barnette; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: Ken Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley; 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 Watner; tabulators: Karen Feezor, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark's Choir, Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors; Eric Hillestad, alto saxophone; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Dave Dunlap; crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: Andrew Puky; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Team A; greeters: Eileen Dunlap, Charles & Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Cliff Edahl, Susan Lakeman, Susan Ginns; communion helper: Kay Finlon; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Diane Thomas



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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 by Matt and Genna Hurley in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**This evening at 5 pm, Vespers at St. Mark's presents** the Charlotte Brass Quintet "Bach to Big Band." Please join us!

### **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 or 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 "Sound the Trumpet"** Trumpet and Organ Recital with Gabriel Slesinger & Les Ackerman, Sunday October 9 at 5pm.

**10/8 St. Mark's Men's Group** will be volunteering at Ronald McDonald House to make breakfast.

**Carolina Pro Musica Concert at St. Mark's: Friends & Family, Friday, October 21 at 7:30 pm.** Sung Lee, baroque oboe, and Janelle David, violin, join CPM in celebration of music by Bach & Telemann arias to quartets. Also, the 300th anniversary of the Well-tempered Clavier by Bach. Baroque at its finest. For more information and tickets, see <https://www.carolinapromusica.org/schedule>.

**Book Swap October 23** 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.

**Ethnic Restaurant Group to resume in October** St. Mark's "Ethnic Restaurant Group" will resume scheduling dinners in October! **Maharani Indian Cuisine** (901 South Kings Drive, Charlotte 28204) will welcome us on **October 18th at 7:00 PM** for a la carte service. Please **RSVP** if this dinner sounds interesting. Tome & Judy Tolbert manage our reservations We request RSVPs by the Friday before each event.

**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**

#### **Youth Classes**

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

**Confirmation Class begins today at 9:30 am.** Please see Pastor Tim 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*

"**Christ, Be Our Light**" ELW 715 Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) wrote both the text and tune for this hymn. She is an active liturgical composer living and working in Great Britain. Dr. Paul Westermeyer writes: "this hymn is structured so that the first four stanzas press from longing for the signs of the kingdom of God, to us as its servants and signs in stanza five. The refrain that follows is a petition that Christ would be our light and shine in our hearts as the church is gathered by that light."

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

### **September 29, Saint Michael and All Angels**

The name of the Archangel Michael is Hebrew and means "Who is like God?" Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel, Jude, and Revelation. In Daniel, Michael is the angelic helper of Israel who leads the battle against the forces of evil. In Revelation, Michael and his angels fight against and defeat Satan and the evil angels, driving them from heaven. Their victory is made possible by Christ's own victory over Satan and His death and resurrection. Michael is often associated with Gabriel and Raphael, the other archangels who surround the throne of God. Tradition names Michael as the patron and protector of the Church, especially as the protector of Christians at the hour of death. The prayer for this day is in the ELW, page 58.

### **September 30, Jerome, translator, teacher (c.347-420)**

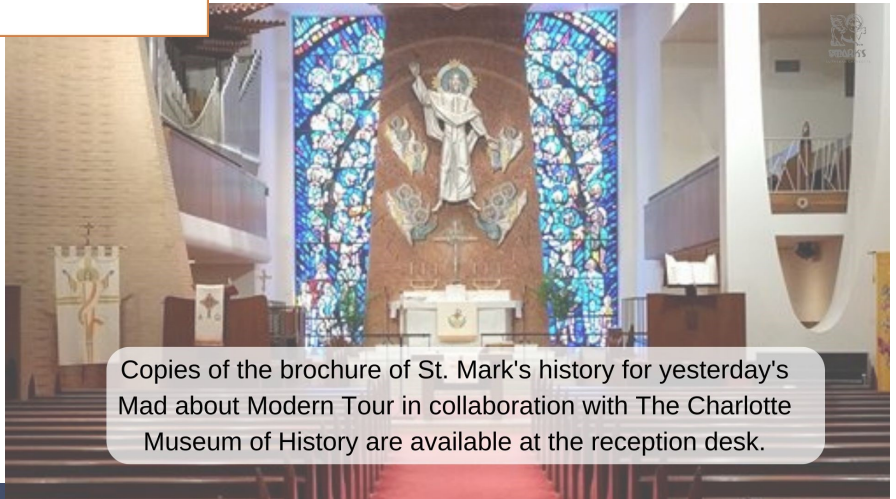
Jerome is remembered as a biblical scholar and translator. Rather than choosing classical Latin as the basis of his work, he translated scriptures into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of persons in his day. His translation is known as the Vulgate, from the Latin meaning "common." While Jerome is remembered as a saint, he could be anything but saintly. He was well known for his short temper and his arrogance, though he was also quick to admit to his personal faults. Thanks to the work of Jerome, many people received the word in their own language, helping them to live lives of faith and service.



# 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!



Copies of the brochure of St. Mark's history for yesterday's Mad about Modern Tour in collaboration with The Charlotte Museum of History are available at the reception desk.

## VESPERS AT ST. MARK'S

# "Bach to Big Band"

## CHARLOTTE BRASS QUINTET IN CONCERT



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022  
5:00PM



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# SOUND THE TRUMPET



GABRIEL SLESINGER, IN RECITAL  
WITH LESTER ACKERMAN, ORGANIST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022  
5:00 PM



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## 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 10/2/2022, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-9

*Commit your way to the Lord; put  
your trust in the Lord. (Ps. 37:5)*

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

### Birthdays

9/25 Ruth Barrett

9/27 Lisa Barnette

9/27 Ernie Marion

9/27 Sharon MacWhirter-Cooper

9/29 Lauren Miller

9/30 Kirsten Doyne

10/1 Dale Hopp



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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