



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

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

“Adagio & Andante” from *Partita on 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'*

Tune LOBE DEN HERREN; Organ setting by Cynthia L. Goff

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELW 858

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, part II, Stralsund, 1665

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,
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. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Temple Talk

“Pat’s Place”

Susan League, Social Ministry

WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Brooks Stevenson, lector

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

Deleenn Rumbolo, Micah Hein, cantors

Psalm 1:3 (Robert Buckley Farlee) Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress



¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Brooks Stevenson, lector

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord

Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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 14:25-33

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he

cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

“The costs of discipleship”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Anthem

“Come, Ye Blessed”

John Prindle Scott
Sue Ann Phillips, soprano

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Matthew 25:34-36

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

(Pastor McKenzie, prayers)

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.*

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for bodies of water, rivers, lakes and oceans, and for all that will yield fruit this season. Help us in our daily lives to be good stewards of your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who will make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors and communities. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all in need: for those who suffer from illness, anxiety and addiction, for those who struggle with homelessness and food insecurity. Please strengthen all who care for the sick and dying, and we ask that healing and strength be upon members of our church family: Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Charlie Cox, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, Jeff Casella, 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. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all who labor: public servants of our government and military; for those who teach and those who learn; for those who build, assemble or repair; for those who grow, harvest and deliver the food for our tables; for those in science and medicine; for those in the fields of business, commerce and sales; for those who create in the arts and music. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world—that they glorify your holy name. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we give thanks for the saints who rest from their labors in you, and we humbly ask that you would give us faith, like them, to love you and serve our neighbors with all our hearts; and by your mercy, that you would bring us to everlasting life. 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 *An offering for the mission of the church and the care of those in need is brought forward from the Narthex.*

Offertory Anthem

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Traditional Scottish Tune KELVINGROVE

Organ setting by David Maxwell

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your

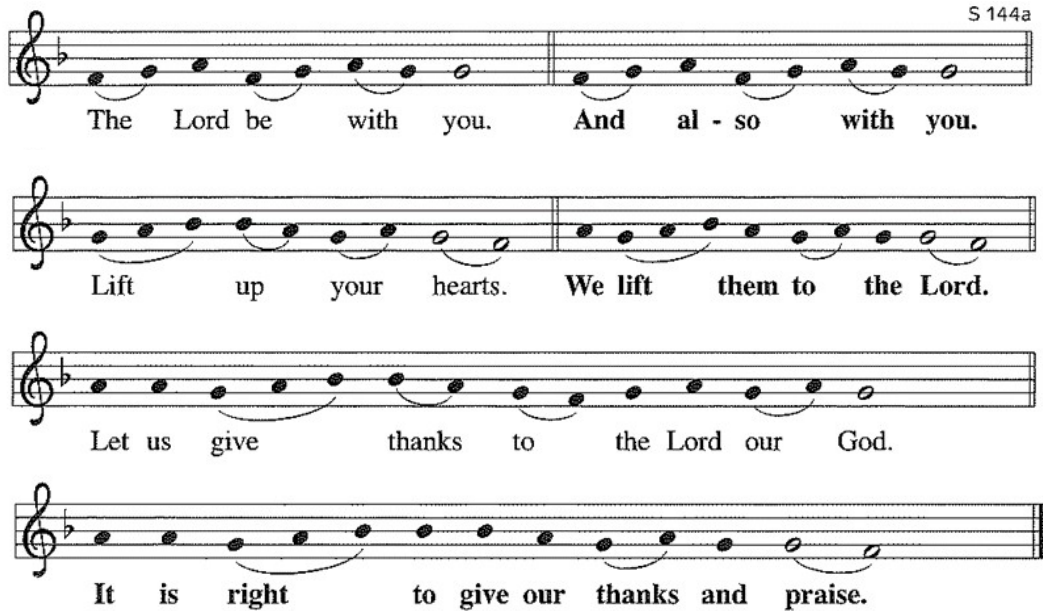
goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

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.

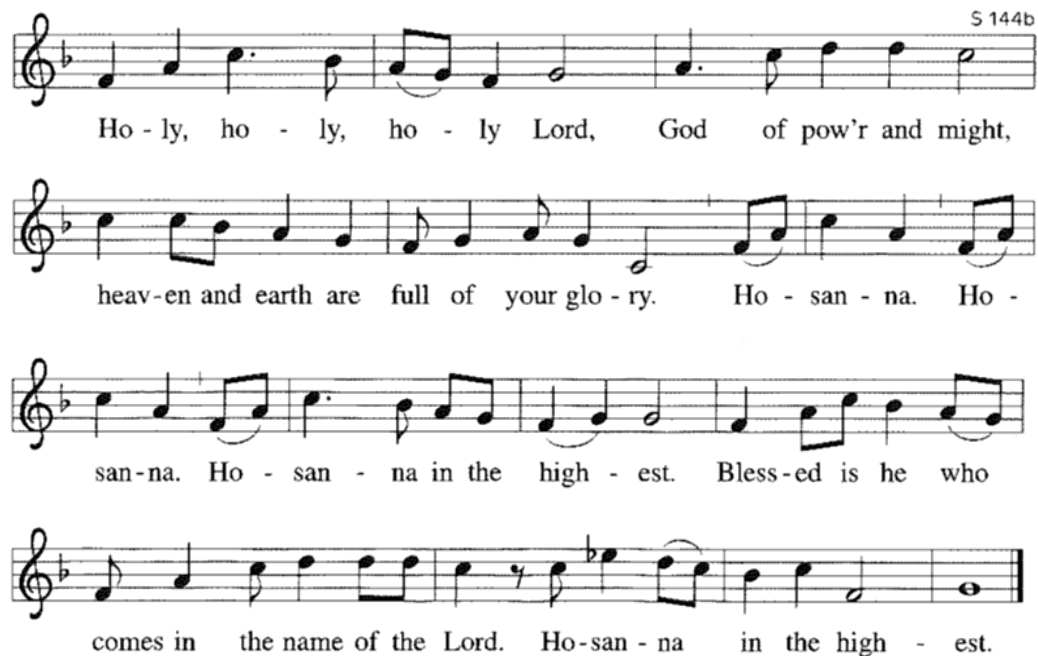
Proper Preface

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Holy Communion Setting Three

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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

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.

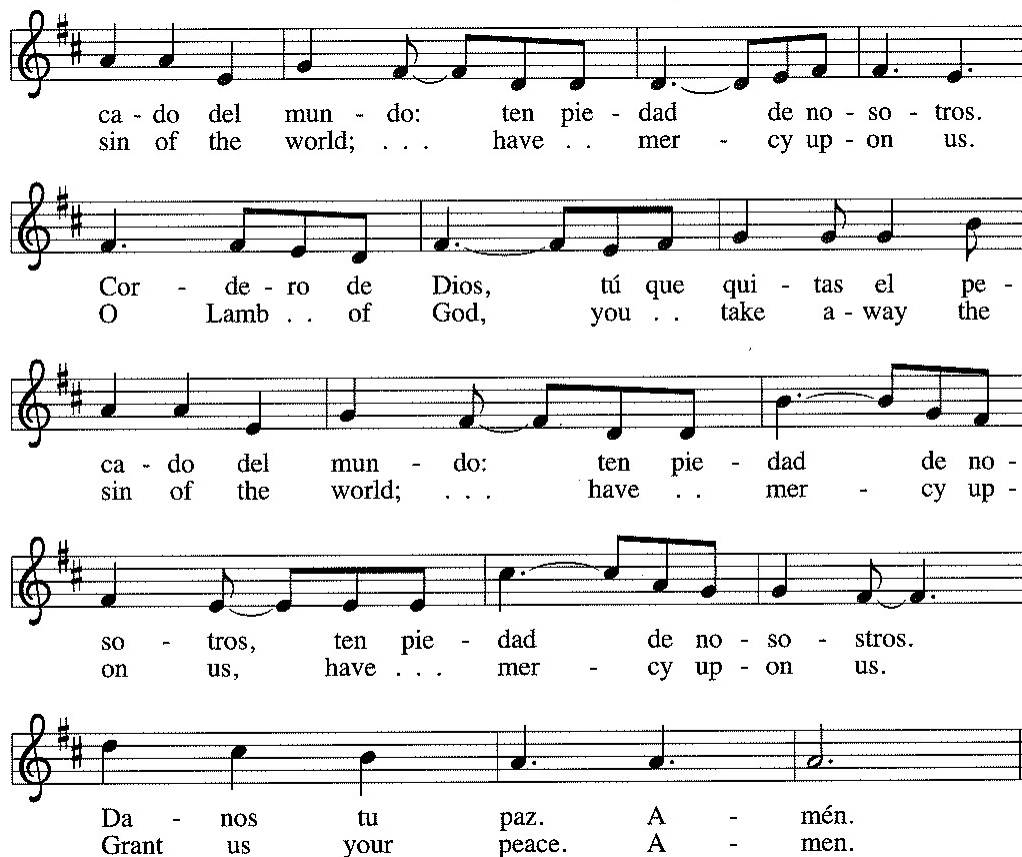
Communion Music

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

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

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

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

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

“Meditation on ‘Lift High the Cross’” Charles Callahan

“Trio on ‘Praise to the Lord, the Almighty’” David S. Harris

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 “Lift High the Cross” ELW 660

CRUCIFER

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Johann Gottfried Walther



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie (prayers); crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: Andrew Puky; lector: Brooks Stevenson; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Ken Williams, Larry Dagenhart, Jr., Alan Harms, Dale Hopp, Sally McCauley; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Jackie Ellington; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Karen Feezor, Kevin Feezor, Ken Hazen, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Kay Finlon; nursery attendant: Betsy Wenzel; tabulators: Janice Miller, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark’s Summer Choir; Delenn Rumbolo, Micah Hein, cantors; Sue Ann Phillips, soprano soloist; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Lisa Barnette; crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: Maddie Thompson; lector: Larry Lippert; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Team D; greeters: Patrick & Rebecca Huang; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Flora Chance, Charles Lakeman, Carol Goodall, Lawanna Stoeckel; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Karen Feezor, Meg Fielding

From the pastor -

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

- Stay up to date with initial and booster vaccine doses.
- Wear a high-quality mask in indoor public settings, as appropriate.
- Stay home and take a COVID-19 test, if experiencing symptoms. If positive, quickly notify any close contacts.

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

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

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

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

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary by Gene and Jackie Ellington.

9/5 Monday: The church office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

Blessing of Backpacks All children from daycare through High School are invited to bring their back-

packs for blessing on Sept. 11 at the 10:30 service.

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.

2022 Acolyte and Crucifer Training: 9/18 After worship, for all youth. Led by Pastor Tim, Susan Lakeman and Liz Boldman. 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: Jane McCall, Susan Lakeman, 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!

Committee for Visible Partnerships This committee

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

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

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

"Hybrid Worship" is both in-person and online worship at the same time. The Holy Spirit gathers us both in-person and online as we continue to live together as the body of Christ during this pandemic.

Online worship continues to be streamed every Sunday at 10:30 am on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/SaintMarksLutheran/>).

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

St. Mark's email list If you are not receiving emails from St. Mark's, we may not have your correct email address. Please contact the church to let us know. We send at least 2 emails every week.

Stewardship

2022 Stewardship Campaign Share the Joy! Please prayerfully consider your 2022 pledge to Christ's mission at St. Mark's. Your pledge is important to St. Mark's mission and may also be offered at any time. You may pick up a "Share the Joy" brochure in the Gathering Place, or you may pledge/donate online at saintmarkscharlotte.org. 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.

A FALL DRIVE TO ASSIST PAT'S PLACE. Pat's Place is a child advocacy agency that coordinates the investigation, treatment, counseling and prosecution involving the most severe cases of child abuse, physical or sexual and any child witnessing a violent crime. After these children have been brought to the agency by a parent, police officer or DSS, they are interviewed, medically treated if needed, and statements taken privately by trained professionals. The agency then proceeds with the case and the child is free to leave, but not before being led to the "gift box". We are requesting donations to replenish the box as a couple hundred small gifts are needed each year. Suggestions for these items are listed on the poster in the gathering place. Please help replace the children's arrival tears with a smile!

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 8: Devil's Logic Brewing, 1426 E. 4th St.

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

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.



**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**

Music Notes

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW 858 is one of the most exuberant and beloved hymns of praise and thanksgiving that we have in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. The *Julian Dictionary of Hymnology* calls this hymn "a magnificent hymn of praise, perhaps the finest production of its author and of the first rank in its class." Hymn writer Joachim Neander (1650-1680) included this hymn in his collection of hymns and psalm settings, published in 1680. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) did the translation from German to English, and included it in her *Chorale Book for England* (1863). She is also the translator of the well-known hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW 840. **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** is based on two psalms, Psalm 103:1-6, and Psalm 150:6, and originally had five stanzas. **LOBE DEN HERREN** is an anonymous German tune, which first appeared in a publication from 1665. Even though the first two lines have fourteen syllables each, the tune dances along nicely. 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.

"Lift High the Cross" ELW 660 was first published in 1916, and included eleven stanzas! *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* only includes five stanzas, with a rousing refrain. Stanley Osborne writes of this hymn: "The hymn has no room for weak resignation. It summons the mightiest and leaves them gazing upon a Love that gave its life to achieve life." American hymnologist Austin Lovelace says: "It is related to 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and 'For All the Saints' ELW 422 in its symbolism of marching in the ranks of soldiers of the crucified. It is the crucified Christ and his cross which we follow, and his love we proclaim to the world." The tune **CRUCIFER** was written for this hymn text by Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947). The tunes name **CRUCIFER** means "cross-bearer."

"Will You Come and Follow Me" (The Summons) ELW 798 This hymn was written by John Bell (b.1949) in 1986-87 for the Iona Community in Scotland. In his own words: "this text was written for the sending out of one of our youth volunteers. Young people gave a year or two to live in impoverished parts of Scotland. When they finished, my colleague and I would often write a song for their farewell ceremony. The words reflect the experience of the volunteer concerned." The tune name **KELVINGROVE** is named for a place in Glasgow, Scotland.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

September 9, Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Columbia (1580-1654)

Peter Claver was born into Spanish nobility and was persuaded to become a Jesuit missionary. He served in Cartagena (in what is now Columbia) by teaching and caring for slaves. The slaves arrived in ships, where they had been confined in dehumanizing conditions. Claver met and supplied them with medicine, food, clothing, and brandy. He learned their dialects and taught them Christianity. He called himself the "slave of slaves forever." Claver also ministered to the locals of Cartagena who were in prison and facing death.



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!

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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, and the Sayles-Studer family.

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

Readings for 9/11/2022, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your
steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Birthdays

9/4 Melissa Parrish

9/4 Laurie Feola

9/6 Sarah East

9/6 Sheri Stockton

9/7 Tom Sehorn

9/8 Joanne Marz

9/8 Jerry Poplin

9/8 Olivia Iannelli

9/9 Evelyn Gerdes

9/9 Sean Fielding



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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