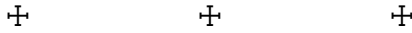




ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*



OCTOBER 2, 2022

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential to help us live and grow over a lifetime. Today we are encouraged to rekindle the gift of God that dwells within us. The righteous live by their faithfulness. Your faith may be the power to live and grow for someone else in your life.*

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**

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” BWV 647

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional Hymn**

“Morning Has Broken” ELW 556

BUNESSAN

1. Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where Gods' feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day!

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*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. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

**First Reading****Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:2-4**

Meg Fielding, lector

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted. <sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

*The Word of the Lord***Thanks be to God****Psalm 37:1-9**

Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors

Psalm 37:5 (Dorothy Christopherson) Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, <sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. <sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. <sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. <sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

**Second Reading****2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Meg Fielding, lector

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. <sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*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 17:5-10

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.*

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. <sup>7</sup> Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!””

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ.

## Homily

*“Stories of faith”*

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

## Hymn of the Day

“We Walk by Faith” ELW 635

SHANTI

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e’er spook: “My peace be with you here.”
2. We may not touch your hands and side, for follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
4. For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
5. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as your are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.; Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

*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**

(Dave Dunlap, 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.*

Almighty God, we pray for your holy church in every place; help the church to live and work by telling stories of faith and walking in the light of your gospel. Grant to your church the mustard seed of faith, always growing into relationships, partnerships and communities of love and reconciliation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we continue to see devastation from hurricanes in Puerto Rico and Florida along with other natural disasters. The victims of these events need food, water, and shelter. Help them to find the services and resources they need, and help local, state and national leaders to provide needed assistance. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, please help the people of Ukraine. For the millions who have fled their homes, help them find the food, water, and shelter they desperately need, then help them on a path to more permanent shelter and protection. For those who have remained to protect their homes and homeland keep them safe and strong. They are dealing with an unjust war. Most importantly, help the leaders on both sides find a path to lasting peace. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy Comforter, we pray for victims of violence, abuse, and neglect. Heal those who have been harmed, protect those who are vulnerable, and grant wisdom and encouragement to all caregivers, medical staff and first responders who daily care for so many. We remember before you all in our church family in need of your healing and 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, Betty Lentz, and Ingrid Keiris. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, for this and every congregation, please help us to show your love to those facing adversity, unfairness or injustice based on their race, religion, gender or sexual identity, age, or disability. Diversity is a building block of a strong society. We must all learn from each other to become better people. Our biases are often unconscious, but they are still real. Please help us to follow your commandment and show each other love in thought, word, and deed. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord of Hosts, in Jesus Christ you have abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. As the faith of Lois and Eunice lived on in Timothy, may we be faithful to the message of love given to us by the many blessed saints in our lives, and lead us with them into the eternal light and grace of your kingdom. 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

“What Is the World Like” from *All Creation Sings*

Sally Ann Morris

*What is the world like when god's will is done? Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive: roots thread the soil;  
branches reach for the sun. this is how God moves us each to believe.  
What is the world like when God's will is done? Witness the wandering child coming home;  
watch as the parent breaks into a run. This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
What is the world like when god's will is done? No more is neighbor just ally or friend;  
Peace thrives in places where once there was none. This is how God works when rivalries end.  
These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.  
Born through our voices, ou4r hands and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.*

### Offertory

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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ELW 759 Stanzas 1 & 2

OLIVET

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887; Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## Offering Prayer

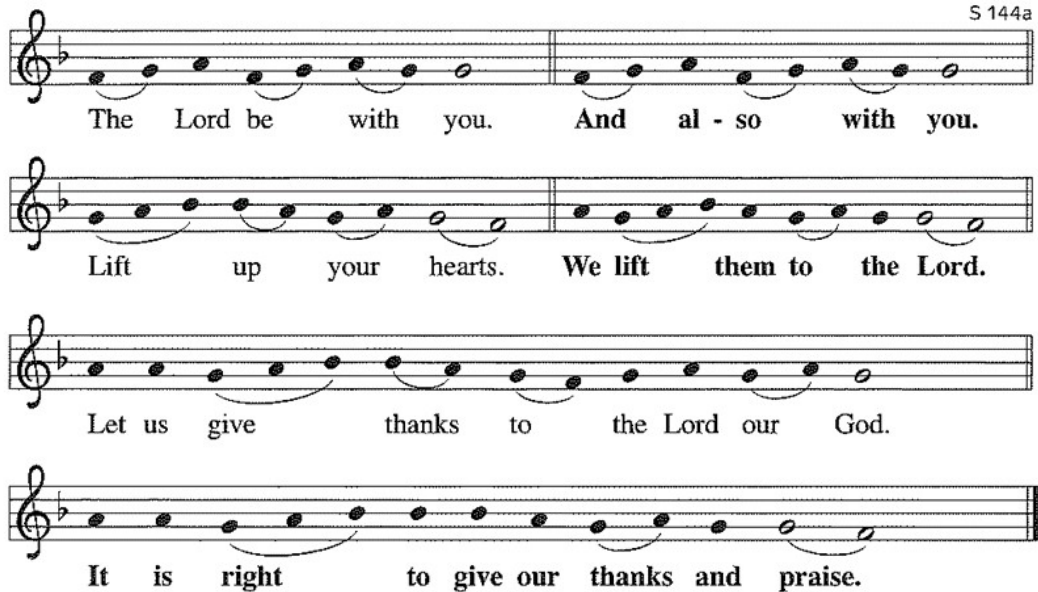
Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

*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.

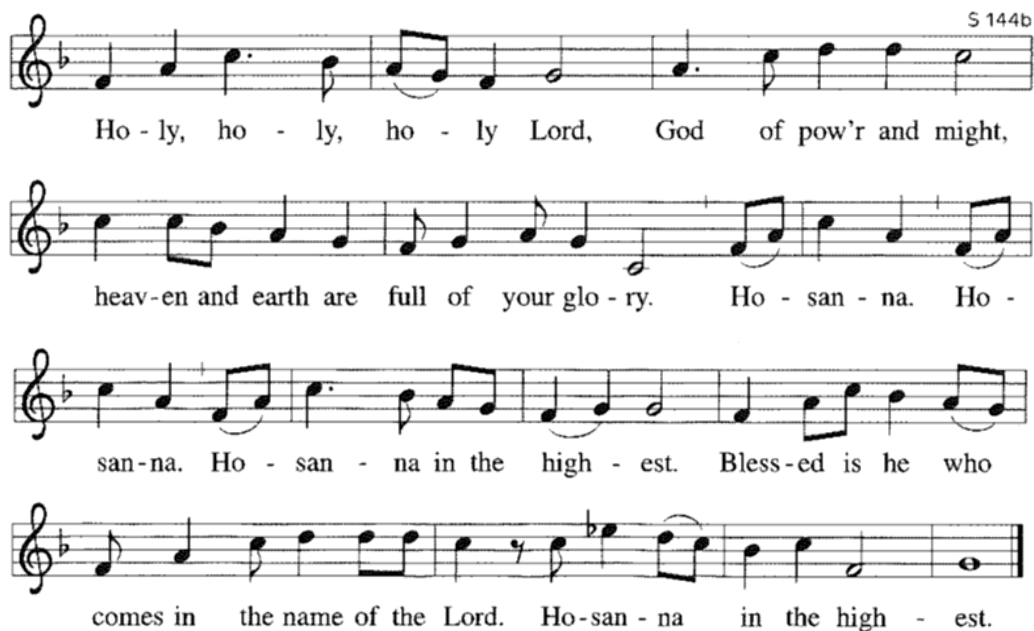
## Proper Preface

### 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*

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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.

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

Tune MARYTON by Lowell Mason  
Organ settings by Kevin J. Sadowski & Mark Sedio

*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** “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” ELW 818

MARYTON

1. O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.
4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broad’ning way,  
in peace that only you can give; with you O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.; Music: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Festive Trumpet Tune”

David German

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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayers: Dave Dunlap; crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: Andrew Puky; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Jay Jacob, Jim Metze, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Charles & Susan Lakeman, Ted Seman, David Thomason; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Cliff Edahl, Susan Ginns, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Kay Finlon; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Dianne Thomas; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors; Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Michael Thompson; crucifer: TBD; acolyte: Andrew Puky; lector: Flora Chance; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Team A; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Layton Campbell, Charles Lakeman, Flora Chance, Barbara Baker; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Cliff Edahl, TBD

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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 in celebration of the 54th anniversary of John & Marilyn Graham on October 5th.

**10/8 Blessing of the Animals**, Saturday, at 4 pm on the church patio. In remembrance of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (10/4) and in recognition of the blessings we receive from the goodness of God's creation. All are welcome.

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

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

**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.

**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** You may bring your old books to the Gathering Place throughout October. Leave them in the big green Book Swap box. Pick out new ones you want to take home on the 23rd. All the remaining books will be donated to Julia's Cafe & Books and ReStore to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte.

**"A Time for Stories!"** 2023 Fall Stewardship Appeal, October 31. Faithfully and joyfully consider your pledge of support for St. Mark's in the coming year. The pledge form is included in the "A Time for Stories!" brochure to be mailed this week. You are invited to offer your pledge at the Reformation Day service on October 30. An online pledge option is available from our webpage, or you may use the QR code. All pledges received ahead of this date will also be brought forward with the offering on Reformation Sunday.

**St. Mark's October Congregational Meeting** 10/30/22 Reformation Sunday immediately after the 10:30 service. Thank you for your faithfulness in service together at St. Mark's!

**Congregational Potluck to be Held**  
Please join us for a potluck lunch on Reformation Day, Sunday, October 30, following the 10:30 am Worship service! Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, fried chicken and drinks will be provided. We ask that you bring a side dish, protein, or dessert to share. This will be the first time we have gathered for a meal as a church family in over two years, and we are excited to be able to come together again in this way. We hope you will join us as we enjoy a time of fellowship and good food and celebrate our bond as children of God.

**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, please see 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.

**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. Pledges and 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.

**Loaves and Fishes** Please remember families who need some assistance putting food on the table every day. Let's continue to overflow our baker's rack with non-perishable, **non-breakable** food items. Or you can leave your donation by the choir room door from 10:00 - 2:00 Monday - Thursday. "I was hungry and you gave me food" Matt.25:35

**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** will meet Sundays, October 9 & 23 at 9:30.

## 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.

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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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## Music Notes

**"Morning Has Broken"** ELW 556 Sometimes the secular world helps make a sacred song popular. In 1931, the English poet Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) was asked to write a hymn text on the theme of thanksgiving set to the Scottish tune **BUNESSAN**, the name of a Scottish town on the Isle of Mull. Her text effectively expresses the creation stories in Genesis 1 and John 1. Austin Lovelace writes of this hymn: "How marvelous it is to think that the dawn of each new day is just as fresh and full of opportunities as was the first day of creation." In the 1970's this hymn was recorded by the pop singer Cat Stevens and hit the top 40 charts.

**"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"** ELW 818 Washington Gladden (1836-1918), a pioneer of the social gospel movement, wrote this text as a devotional poem for the magazine *Sunday Afternoon*, for which he was the editor. The poem was called "Walking with God." The theme is that walking with Jesus involves service to others, just as Jesus ministered to the spiritually needy and sick, so should we help the "slow of heart" and guide the "wayward feet." The tune **MARYTON**, named for a town in the county of Angus, Scotland, was composed by H. Percy Smith (1825-1898), and it was Gladden's wish that his hymn and this tune are paired together.

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

### **October 4, Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1182-1226)**

Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, he renounced his wealth and future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. Francis described this act as being "wedded to Lady Poverty." Under his leadership the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) was formed, and they took literally Jesus' words to his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Francis had a spirit of gladness and gratitude for all of God's creation. This commemoration has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, creatures Francis called his brothers and sisters. A prayer and hymn attributed to St. Francis are included in ELW (p. 87, #835).

### **October 6, William Tyndale, translator, martyr (1494-1536)**

William Tyndale was ordained in 1521, and his life's desire was to translate the scriptures into English. When his plan met opposition from Henry VIII, Tyndale fled to Germany, where he traveled from city to city, living in poverty and constant danger. He was able to produce a New Testament in 1525. Nine years later he revised it and began work on the Old Testament, which he was unable to complete. He was tried for heresy and burned at the stake. Miles Coverdale completed Tyndale's work, and the Tyndale-Coverdale version was published as the "Matthew Bible" in 1537. For nearly four centuries the style of this translation has influenced English versions of the Bible from the King James (Authorized Version) to the New Revised Standard Version.

### **October 7, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America (1711-1787)**

Muhlenberg was prominent in setting the course of Lutheranism in North America. He helped Lutheran churches make the transition from the state churches of Europe to a new identity on American soil. Among other things, he established the first Lutheran synod in America and developed an American Lutheran liturgy. His liturgical principles became the basis for the *Common Service* of 1888, which has formed the basis for the majority of North American Lutheran service books of the past century. That Muhlenberg and his work are remembered today was anticipated at his death. The inscription on his grave reads in Latin, "Who and what he was, future ages will know without a stone."



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

#### Readings for 10/9/2022, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Psalm 111  
*I will give thanks to the Lord with  
my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)*  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

#### Birthdays

10/4 John Graham  
10/5 Doris Phillips  
10/5 David Simpson  
10/5 Steve Rach  
10/7 CJ Miles  
10/7 Katarina Miles  
10/7 Michael Lakeman  
10/8 Ashley Ginns



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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