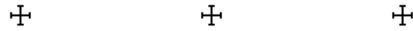




ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



OCTOBER 9, 2022

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Paul writes, "Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David – that is my gospel," and Luke writes that out of ten lepers who were healed, only one remembered Jesus, returning to offer thanks. Paul and the one who were healed, remind us of always remembering and returning to Jesus offering our thanksgiving. Jesus lives so that all who call out in faith, "Have mercy on me," might be healed, forgiven and made new.

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

"Baptized in Water"

Traditional Gaelic Tune BUNESSAN
Organ setting by A. Royce Eckhardt

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" ELW 864

PRAISE, MY SOUL

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!
2. God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!
3. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!
4. Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005; Music: John Goss, 1800-1880

Please be seated.

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. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Karen Feezor, lector

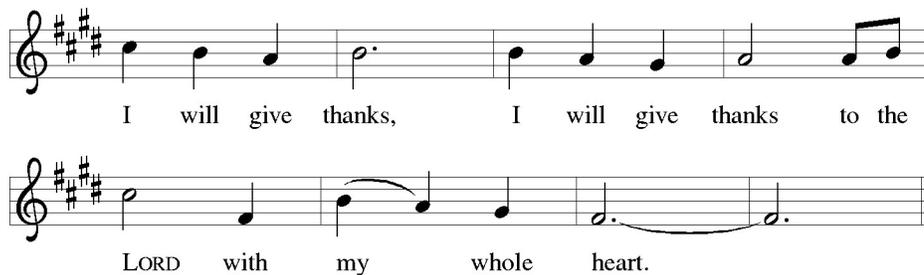
¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.” ⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 111

Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors



I will give thanks, I will give thanks to the
LORD with my whole heart.

Psalm 111: (Dorothy Christopherson) Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

¹*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*
²*Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.* ³*Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.* ⁴*He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.* ⁵*He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.* ⁶*He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.* ⁷*The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.* ⁸*They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.* ⁹*He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.* ¹⁰*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.*

Second Reading**2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Karen Feezor, lector

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*The Word of the Lord***Thanks be to God****Gospel Acclamation**“Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? from *Holy Communion Setting Three*
*Please stand as able.***The Holy Gospel****Luke 17:11-19***The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.***Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to you, O Christ.****Homily***“Remember Jesus Christ”*

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Refrain: Healer of our ev’ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*
2. In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

Text: & Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; © 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

(Pastor McKenzie, prayers)

The congregation may sit or kneel for the Prayers.

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of Holy Baptism through which we are washed, forgiven and renewed with hope. Inspire the church in every place to proclaim grace and healing in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, that all people might return to the Lord with thanksgiving. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Majestic God, we give you thanks for this season of harvest. Bless all who gather and all who distribute the fruit, grain, and produce that reaches our tables. Help us to see people in need who stand at a distance in the regions between nations and communities who are in need of food and other daily necessities. Bless us to abundantly share all we have with a compassion that comes from you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and the world who work for justice and peace. Guide all leaders who govern to act on behalf of those living on the margins because of race, ethnicity, identity or religion. We ask you to bring an end to the war in Ukraine and restore peace to that region. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. We pray for those who are shunned because of illness, suffering rejection, often living in isolation; heal and restore them to community, and send healing, we pray, to all who suffer, especially loved ones in our extended 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, Betty Lentz, Ingrid Keiris, Jon McKenzie, Jane Thompson, and Kliffia Harman. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. For the Stephen Ministry, the Soup Kitchen, Kairos Prison Ministry, Room in the Inn, the Men's Group, and our Social Ministries; equip those who listen, visit, prepare food, and those pray for all in need. Give wisdom, insight and your healing touch to doctors, nurses, and all caregivers in this congregation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us into your glory. Renew our trust in your promises of mercy, redemption, and new life, that we may always call upon you, and in doing so, find the way to eternal life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

"Set Me as a Seal upon Your Heart"

Anna Laura Page

*Set me as a seal upon Your heart, O God, for love is as strong as death, strong as death.
The waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon Your heart.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a strong spirit within me.
Cast me not away, cast me not away from Your presence.
Restore unto me the joy of salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit.
Then I'll teach Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.*

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward from the Narthex)

"Baptized in Water" ELW 456 Stanzas 1 & 3

BUNESSAN

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932; © 1982 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing Co. Music: Gaelic tune

Offering Prayer

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

Please stand as able.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy” from *LAND OF REST Acclamations*

Setting by Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. 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, 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"

Tune LAND OF REST

Setting for choir and congregation by Richard Proulx

Cantor, All repeat (Canon)

1. 2.

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,

Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lamb of God". It consists of three staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff has two first endings, labeled '1.' and '2.'. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace." The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

"Meditation on 'Healer of Our Every Ill'"

Organ setting by Jeremy J. Bankson

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

“Baptized and Set Free” ELW 453

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

1. We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
2. We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956; Music: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, T&M: 1999 Augsburg Fortress

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“A Trumpet Minuet” (abridged)

Alfred Hollins

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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie (prayers); crucifer: Jonathan Lakeman; acolyte: Andrew Puky; lector: Karen Feezor; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: John Simon, Michael Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Jay Jacob, Jim Metze, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Kale & Mary Lou Hopp; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Layton Campbell, A. J. Pridgen, Kevin Feezor, Barbara Baker; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Cliff Edahl, TBD; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Delenn Rumbolo, Christian Souza, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Brady Ferner; crucifer/acolyte: Brady Ferner; lector: Kelsey Smith; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Team A; greeters: Kay Sehorn, Michael & Tara Thompson; communion assistants: Ruth Barrett, Barbara Baker, Karen Feezor, Jay Jacob, A. J. Pridgen; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, Charles Lakeman

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Parish News

From the pastor -

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

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

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

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

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

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

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary by Neil and Charlotte Dixon.

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

LOVE CIRCLE- will gather at 11:00 on Wednesday, October 12 in the Large Conference room. We will read Bible passages from our lesson, "Jesus and Nature," session two on how we are God's soil-formed people. Our invitation extends to all; our prayers to our homebound members.

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 30. 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 also be made using this code.



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 has been temporarily paused.

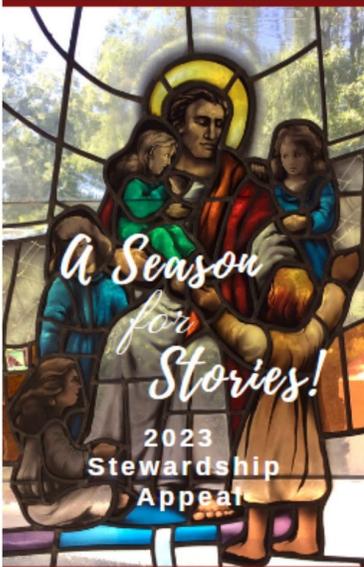
Confirmation Class will meet Sunday, October 9 & 23 at 9:30.

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.



**2023
STEWARDSHIP
APPEAL**

Faithfully and joyfully consider your pledge of support for St. Mark's in the coming year. Brochures will be mailed the week of 10/2/22, and will be available in the Gathering Place. You may send your pledges to St. Mark's church office by mail or through online giving. For more information go to (<http://saintmarkscharlotte.org/stewardship/do-you-wish-to-make-a-donation/>) or use the QR code.

"So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)

Music Notes

"Baptized and Set Free" ELW 453 was written for Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in Chelan, Washington. The theme for the summer of 1996 conference center was "Baptized and Set Free", and hymn writer Cathy Skogen-Soldner (b. 1956) was inspired to write both the text and tune for that gathering. She says of this hymn "even though we may only use a few handfuls of water when we baptize, I included larger bodies of water (ocean, fountain, river) to invite the singing congregation to celebrate the generous heart of God. Our gracious God gifts us with mercy, love, healing, wholeness and more than we can ask for or even imagine." This hymn is a new addition to the Holy Baptism selection of hymns in our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

"Baptized in Water" ELW 456 Michael Saward (b. 1932), a priest in the Church of England, wrote this hymn in 1981, with its first publication in *Hymns for Today* (1982). Paul Westermeyer writes: "Each stanza begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13 and then runs out aspects of what God does in baptism--cleanses, makes us heirs of salvation, promises, brings death and life in Christ, frees, forgives, marks, and gives new life in the Spirit as God's children--so that in trust we thankfully and joyfully sing God's praise." Saward's text is wedded to the nineteenth century Scottish tune **BUNESSAN**, the name of a Scottish town on the Isle of Mull.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

October 15, Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church (1515-1582)

Teresa of Ávila was a Spanish noblewoman who chose the life of a Carmelite nun after reading the letters of Jerome. Frequently sick during her early years as a nun, she found that when she was sick her prayer life flowered, but when she was well it withered. Steadily her life of prayer deepened and she grew to have a lively sense of God's presence with her. Teresa worked to reform her monastic community in Ávila, eventually facing bitter opposition. Her reforms asked nuns to maintain life in the monastic enclosure without leaving, and to identify with those who are poor. In recognition of her theological and spiritual contributions to the life of the church, Pope Paul VI gave her the title "Doctor of the Church" in 1970. Three other women have been awarded this title: Cathrine of Siena, Thérèse of Lisieux, and Hildegard von Bingen.

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

Readings for 10/16/2022, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

*My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.*

(Ps. 121:2)

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Birthdays

10/10 Susan Lakeman

10/12 Jane McCall

10/13 Madeleine Thompson

10/14 Matthew Williams



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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