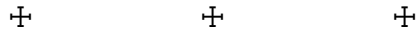




ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

CHRIST THE KING

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

On the final Sunday of the church year, we hear the gospel of Christ the King who will judge the nations. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to the poor, hungry, and thirsty; by welcoming the stranger; and by clothing the naked and visiting the sick and the imprisoned. God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured, feeding them with justice. We are called to follow the example of Christ, the Servant King, by ministering with compassion, welcome, and justice.

GATHERING

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

“Allegro pomposo” from *Sonata in D Major for Trumpet*

Henry Purcell; Alex Wilborn, trumpet

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855 Stanzas 1, 3-5

DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
3. Crown him the Lord of love—behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
4. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death my die.
5. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4.; Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

Please be seated.

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,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

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.

Please stand as able.

Kyrie

“Father, I Adore You”

Terry Coelho

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,
fore you; how I love you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Installation of the 2023-2024 Congregation Council

P: The following persons, having been elected by St. Mark's Lutheran Church to positions of leadership, are asked to come forward as their names are read: Lisa Barnette, Cliff Edahl, Jay Jacob, Michael Lakeman, Gretchen Payne, A.J. Pridgen, John Simon, Chris Stevenson, Nick Wartner, Betsy Wenzel, Kimberly Zimmerman.

The pastor addresses the members of the Congregation Council.

P: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith, empowering you to witness to Christ. *St. Paul writes:* Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:4-7)

P: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect God in whose name we gather. You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

The minister addresses those being installed:

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response: Yes, by the help of God.

The minister addresses the congregation:

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Congregation: Yes, by the help of God.

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Charles Lakeman, lector

¹¹For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 95:1-7a

Madeline Phillips, Christian Souza, cantors

Psalm 95:7:(Anne Krentz Organ); Refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year A* © 2007 Augsburg Fortress



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! ³For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. ⁵The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. ⁶O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! ⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Charles Lakeman, lector

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go” from *ACS Holy Communion Setting Twelve*

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 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.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“*The Servant King*”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

“Come Now, You Blessed” ACS 1059

MATTHEW 25

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947, © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.; Music: Emily R. Brink, b. 1940, © 1994 Faith Alive Christian Resources

1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?
 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,
 4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,

said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.
 When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?
 when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,
 look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,

"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home - less,
 When did we see you sick or in pris - on?
 When you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,
 then may we know you, wel - come and show you

sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."
 What have we done that you call us your own?
 you cared for me in the small - est of these."
 love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

Holy Baptism

Presentation

The pastor invites Virginia and Brendan Molan, and family and sponsors to come forward, and addresses the assembly.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsors present the candidate.

We present Charles Hall Molan for baptism.

The pastor addresses the parents.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn and trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Charles Hall Molan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
We do.

Profession of Faith

The pastor addresses the parents. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

The pastor addresses the parents, sponsors and assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The pastor leads the thanksgiving as water is poured into the font.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

Charles Hall, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Charles Hall with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Charles Hall, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative redeeming word to all the world.

The service continues with the Prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

(Charles Lakeman, prayer assistant)

The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, as Christ is the head over all things, give the church in every place a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that it might gather from all nations, seek the lost, bind up the injured, and feed with justice, so that the world might be filled with the fullness of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator God, our rock and our salvation, blessed are the works of your hands. Open our eyes to see how each flower, insect, and creature, rivers, oceans, valleys, mountains and fields are all part of a wondrous, interconnected whole. You entrusted us to care for your creation, our environment, but in many parts of the world we have failed. Help us to realize how fragile this planet is and inspire us to nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life here. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shepherding God, strengthen the sick, rescue the dying, and grant wisdom to all who care for those in affliction and need. We ask that you feed and care for our loved ones: Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, David Kutscher, Vann Milheim, Oakley Coburn, Arlene Fielding, Sergei Kobiakov, Bill Schwartz, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Shirley Larson, Ingrid Keiris, Martha Stackel, Tina Wiland, Mark Thornton, Ben Watson, Louisa Coburn, Mindy Curley, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Norio Tanabe, Marilyn Denison, Christopher Shirley, Pat and Gary Ragsdale, Tanner Grant, and Michael Frye. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, you know our hearts and minds and our yearning for peace. Our hearts break at the news of the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and in Gaza; in Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen; in Mali and Myanmar and so many places around the world. Grant wisdom and courage to leaders to make wise decisions that lead to lasting peace. We pray for the humanitarian relief workers in harm's way – that You would protect and help them continue to provide their desperately needed assistance. And we pray that your Spirit work among and inspire us, the global community, to support the shattered and displaced peoples and help them overcome the grief, trauma, destruction and misery. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great

Christ our King, help us to live as people of your flock, always pointing to you the fullness who fills all in all. Unite us together as one flock of many nations, the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, our Shepherd, forgive us when we neglect to care for our neighbors in need. Teach us to see your face among the poor—feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, and visiting those who are sick or in prison. As sheep of your fold, let your Spirit work in us that we may proclaim your kingdom and your love for all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

(Please stand as able, sharing the peace of the risen Christ.)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Please be seated.

OFFERING

(Offerings for the mission of the church are gathered by the ushers.)

Anthem

“Shout the Glad Tidings”

George Frideric Handel

Setting for choir and organ by Hal H. Hopson

Shout the glad tidings, O sing to the Lord; for He hath done marvelous, marvelous things. Mighty are His works, wonderful His deeds: His pow'r and love forever are sure. The Lord is King, the King of all. O sing for joy; His pow'r and love forever are sure. Trumpets sound forth, sound forth His praise, for our vict'ry is won. Sing, O Israel sing. The Lord is faithful; let all give praise. The roar of the sea, all creatures therein, sound forth, sound forth your joy. God is the Lord, King over all.

See His marvelous works; see His wonderful deeds. His pow'r and love forever are sure.

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“As Saints of Old” ELW 695 (stanza 1)

FOREST GREEN

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1900-1996, slt. © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Co;
Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 Arr. © Oxford University Press

1. As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion Setting Four

S 152

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”

Holy Communion Setting Four

S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

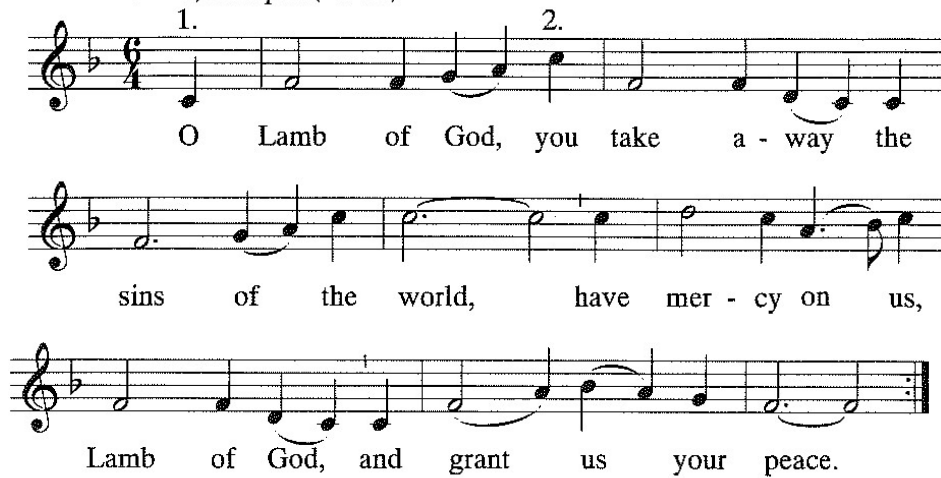
Holy Communion is offered continuously in front of the freestanding altar, or at the rail of the high altar in two ways, by wafer and wine in a small cup or "Communion Kit." Please follow the ushers' prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station, and returning via the side aisles. If receiving 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 *LAND OF REST Acclamations*

Early American Folk Tune; Setting 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.

"Andante" from *Trumpet Concerto in E flat*

Franz Joseph Haydn

"Meditation" from *Partita on 'Crown Him with Many Crowns'*

Tune by George J. Elvey

Setting for organ by Charles Callahan

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ELW 634

CORONATION

1. All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
2. O seed of Israel’s chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
3. Hail him, you heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call-
the God incarnate, man divine-and crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine-and crown him Lord of all.
4. Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
5. Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923; Music: James Walsh, 1837-1901

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Presto” from *Sonata in D Major for Trumpet*

Henry Purcell

† † †

This service adapted/reprinted from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, copyright 2019 Augsburg Fortress and *Sundays and Seasons*, copyright 2020 Augsburg Fortress. CCLI #11377824

Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Charles Lakeman; crucifer: Michael Lakeman; acolyte: needed; lector: Charles Lakeman; live streaming camera: A. J. Pridgen; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Jay Jacob, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Joanne Marz, Ted Seman, David Thomason; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Charles & Susan Lakeman, Rebecca Huang, Nick Wartner; communion helper: Karen Covington; tabulators: Meg Fielding, Alan Harms, Charles Lakeman; musicians:

St. Mark's Choir; Alex Wilborn, trumpet; Madelyn Phillips, Christian Souza, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Dave Dunlap; crucifer/acolyte: needed; lector: Larry Lippert; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Team A; greeters: Joe & Kay Sehorn, Michael & Tara Thompson; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Flora Chance, Janice Miller, A.J. Pridgen, Betsy Wenzel; communion helper: tbd; tabulators: Charles Lakeman, Diane Thomas



Parish News

From the pastor -

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:27-28)

Each fall the Stewardship Appeal is the unique way that we re-envision our ministry together at St. Mark's. This year's theme, "One in Christ Jesus," is a reminder that in Holy Baptism a diverse humanity is made one in Christ Jesus. We are heirs to the promise of Holy Baptism that Christ brings unity out of the plurality of human experience. Yet we live in a world that seems more fractured and divided by discord and intolerance than at any time in recent memory. We may feel powerless as we see images of war, natural disasters, and violence both abroad and within this nation. Yet we are not those differences that the world tells us we are, nor are our neighbors the Other that governments and media bombard us to believe. More than a slogan, "One in Christ Jesus," is a promise of the strength we have in Christ through baptism to work for good in this world. Here in Charlotte or through cooperating with ELCA ministries abroad, we use our financial gifts, time, and talents to help others as we work together for Christ.

Thank you for being "One in Christ Jesus" at St. Mark's!

Pastor Tim McKenzie

pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers Today are given to the glory of God and St. Mark's family and friends by Karen Covington.

Baptism Today. (10:30 service) In Holy Baptism, we welcome with joy, Charles Hall Molan, into Christ's body the church at St. Mark's. May God bless Charles Hall, his parents Virginia and Brendan, and brother Wells.

Poinsettias and Wreaths The cost will be the same as last year at \$12 per plant for honorium/memorial. In addition, someone may sponsor a door wreath with an honorium/memorial as well. The deadline for the Christmas Eve bulletin is Tuesday, 12/19. Order forms are in the Gathering Place.

Advent Mid-Week Prayer, "Pause, Prepare, Ponder" (7 pm Wednesdays 12/6, 12/13, 12/20)

Queen City Ringers Christmas Concert on Dec. 3rd at 5pm. Free event! Donations welcome. Mark your calendars!

Carolina Pro Musica Christmas Concert on Dec. 15 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for this event are available at www.carolinapromusica.org/schedule. Half price tickets for SMLC! Enter SMHalfOff on CPM website.

Thinking of joining St. Mark's? Please see Pastor Tim to set up a time to talk. All people are welcome at St. Mark's!

Rehearsals! Wednesdays at 6 pm Handbells and 7 pm Choir. Come play and sing!

The Christian Education Hour is at 9:30 am on Sundays. Please join us as you are able in the Large Conference Room for "New Testament Lessons." We will not meet November 26.

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.

Family Ministry

Nursery: A fun-filled nursery, staffed by volunteers, is located downstairs. An usher is available to show you the way. Our safety protocols offer peace of mind so you can worship without worry.

Youth Classes

Sundays at 9:30: Youth Group in the Youth Room. Godly Play has been temporarily paused.

Confirmation Class meets every Sunday at 9:30.

Stewardship 2024

Sharing our gifts is important to St. Mark's ongoing mission. A pledge is a prayerful commitment to giving in response to God's grace. A pledge may be offered at any time, but pledges help a congregation establish a responsible budget for the coming year. Please consider making a financial pledge to St. Mark's. Brochures are

available in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your faithful gifts to St. Mark's ministries. An online pledge option is also available from our website, or you may use the QR code.

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.

Social Ministry

We continue to remember the hungry and homeless through our social ministries.

LOAVES & FISHES The baker's rack is a permanent collection location for **NON-BREAKABLE NON-PERISHABLE** food. And remember, all families need condiments, salt & pepper and sugar, along with basic food.

Soup Kitchen St. Mark's Soup Kitchen is serving lunch in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday for 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!

Announcements

AA meets in the Fellowship Hall: Monday nights "Third Tradition", 7 p.m.; Wednesday nights "Just the Basics", 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday nights "Not a Glum Lot", 6:30 p.m.; in Room 210: Saturday morning 10:30 a.m. "SLAA".

Music Notes

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW 855. This hymn was extracted from two six stanza hymns, twelve stanzas total. From Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) we have stanzas one, two, three, and five, and from Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) stanza four. Both hymn writers were inspired by the passage from Revelation 19:12 "and on his head were many crowns." Each stanza itemizes the characteristics of the risen Lord: "The Lamb upon his throne," "The Lord of love," "The Lord of life," and "The Lord of years." George Elvey (1816-1893) wrote the tune **DIADEMATATA** for this hymn, with its first publication in the 1868 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. The tune name **DIADEMATATA** is derived from the Greek word for crown or diadems, a royal headband.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ELW 634 This hymn is the work of two different authors, Edward Perronet (1726-1792), a friend and advisor of the Wesleys who later became a Congregational minister, wrote the first four stanzas, and John Rippon (1751-1836) the fifth and sixth stanzas, published in his *A Selection of Hymns* (London, 1787). In Rippon's hymn, the original title was "The Spiritual Coronation" with reference to Song of Solomon 3:11 "Look, O daughters of Zion, at King Solomon, at the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of gladness of his heart." The tune **CORONATION** was written for this hymn by Oliver Holden (1765-1844) an amateur American composer with a successful career as a general store owner, real estate dealer, and a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

November 30, Andrew, Apostle

Andrew was among the first of the disciples called by Jesus. In the gospels of Matthew and Mark he was called directly by Jesus, along with his brother Peter. In the Gospel of John, Andrew was one of two of John the Baptist's followers who were called by Jesus. Andrew in turn, brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus, saying, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). Further, Andrew is the disciple who brought forward to Jesus the boy with five loaves and two fish (John 6:8). Andrew, along with Philip, also brought a group of Greeks to Jesus who had said the words, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21), which are quoted on the plaque behind St. Mark's pulpit. Andrew was a shepherd who introduced others to Jesus and is remembered as a martyr to his faith.

Adapted from "Sundays and Seasons"



Advent &
Christmas
at St. Mark's

ALL ARE WELCOME!

12/3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -
WITH ADVENT BAGS & ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET
12/3 QUEEN CITY RINGERS - CHRISTMAS CONCERT 5 PM
12/6, 12/13, 12/20 MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP
7 PM IN PERSON & ONLINE
12/10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - "LESSONS & CAROLS"
12/15 CAROLINA PRO MUSICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7:30 PM
12/17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12/24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30 AM ONLY
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 8 PM
12/31 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM ONLY
1/7/2024 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

St. Mark's Prayer List

Jay Harbinson, David Mathis, Virginia Stackel, Joseph Tolbert, Robert Shirley, Rachel Fulp, Danielle Clausen, Carl Sepmeyer, David Kutscher, Vann Milheim, Oakley Coburn, Arlene Fielding, Sergei Kobiakov, Bill Schwartz, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Shirley Larson, Ingrid Keiris, Martha Stackel, Tina Wiland, Mark Thornton, Ben Watson, Louisa Coburn, Mindy Curley, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Norio Tanabe, Nathaniel Coburn, Sarah Lindberg, Marilyn Denison, Eileen Dunlap, Jim Middleswarth, Christopher Shirley, Pat & Gary Ragsdale, Tanner Grant, and Michael Frye.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests (pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org)

Readings for 12/3/2023, First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

*Let your face shine upon us, and
we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Birthdays

11/30 Cliff Edahl, Jr.

12/1 Tom Tolbert



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 (pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org)

† † †

Our Ministers

All the people of God at St. Mark's

Rev. Dr. Timothy McKenzie, Senior Pastor
pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org

Lester Ackerman,
Director of Music Ministry, Organist
les@saintmarkscharlotte.org

Sue Wadgymer, Parish Administrator
admin@saintmarkscharlotte.org

Jessie Craig, Finance Administrator
finance@saintmarkscharlotte.org