



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



NOVEMBER 10, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / LECTIONARY 32

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

GATHERING

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

"Intermezzo"

Robert Schumann

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

"As Saints of Old" ELW 695

FOREST GREEN

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.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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

Please be seated.

Welcome

Jay Jacob, Council President

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,
our refuge, our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

The congregation may kneel or sit for the Confession. Silence is kept for reflection.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**
Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.
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

“O Lord, Have Mercy” from *Holy Communion Setting Eleven* from *All Creation Sings*

Jack Richardson, cantor



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All

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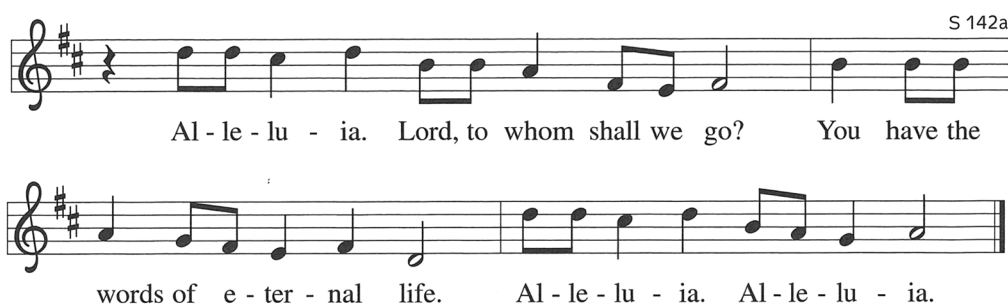
Second Reading**Hebrews 9:24-28**

Lisa Barnette, lector

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*The Word of the Lord***Thanks be to God***Please stand as able.***Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go”

Holy Communion Setting Three**The Holy Gospel****Mark 12:38-44***The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.***Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.***Praise to you, O Christ.***Please be seated.***Sermon***“The Rewards of Honor”*

Pastor Jim Pyatt

*Please stand as able.***Hymn of the Day**

“Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW 685

PATMOS

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.. Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;
 take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Please be seated.

The Apostles' Creed

Together, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

(Mike Doyne, prayer assistant)

The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Good and gracious God, we give thanks for blessing us with the presence of your Son. He lived a model life for us to emulate. That life and His ultimate sacrifice gave rise to our church and faith which, when practiced daily, gives structure and meaning to our lives. We thank you for your church which provides a framework in which to live, love and serve both you and one another. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord of all nations, as we enter a season of change, we ask you to guide our new national and state leadership. Give them wisdom to creatively and equitably solve some of the problems of this world. Help them to exercise compassion when dealing with the poor, the disenfranchised and the misunderstood. Give our leaders a quiet, tempered strength and resolve to deal with problems without resorting to aggression or appeasement. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. We especially remember our church family in need of your healing and strength: Betty Denison, Charlene Oppermann, Jackie Ellington, Susan G., Ron and Nancy Stepp, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Patty Allen, Jarrod Braunschweiger, Julie Dornberger, Grey Hamilton, Jettie Leslie, Angie Blackwelder Malone, Norma Alexander, Laura Elliott, Gene Ellington, Ken Foust, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa Coburn, Ingrid Keiris, Shirley Larson, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Sergei Kobiakov, Arlene Fielding, Oakley Coburn, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Rachel Fulp, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Lord, tomorrow we celebrate Veteran's Day. We give thanks for all the women and men who, over the past two centuries, faithfully served our country in our armed forces. Sometimes, at great sacrifice, they faced hardships, deprivation and even horrific personal harm on our behalf asking little or nothing in return. May their exertions not have been in vain and may they ultimately know the comfort and blessings of rest in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

“What Shall I Render to My God”

Based on the tune FAIRFIELD

Setting for choir and organ by Austin C. Lovelace

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store? I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for the sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive, and all His promises embrace and to His glory live. My vows I will to His great name before His people pay, and all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay. Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate'er is mine. Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine. Thy hands created my, Thy hands from sin

have set me free, the mercy that bath loosed my hands bath bound me fast to Thee. Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who bath thy sins forgiv'n, till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heav'n.

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“For the Fruit of All Creation” ELW 679 stanza one

AR HYD Y NOS

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000, © 1970 Hope Publishing Co., arr. Oxford University Press; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

1. For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God..
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Holy Communion Setting Three

S 144a

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

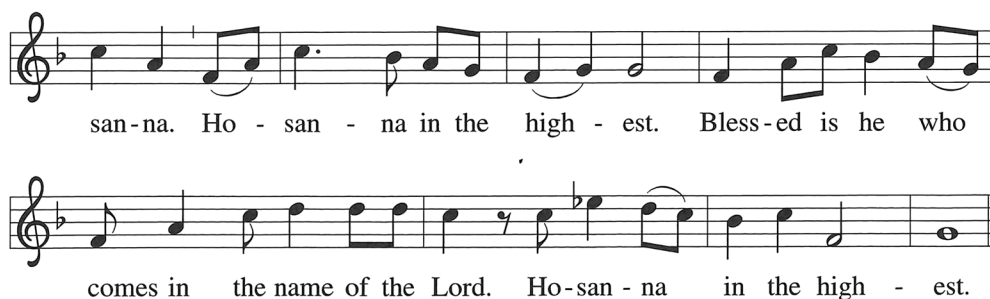
Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

Holy Communion Setting Three

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 -



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

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

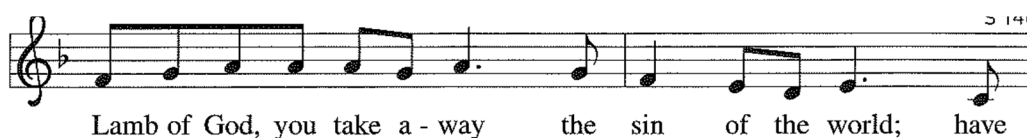
Please be seated.

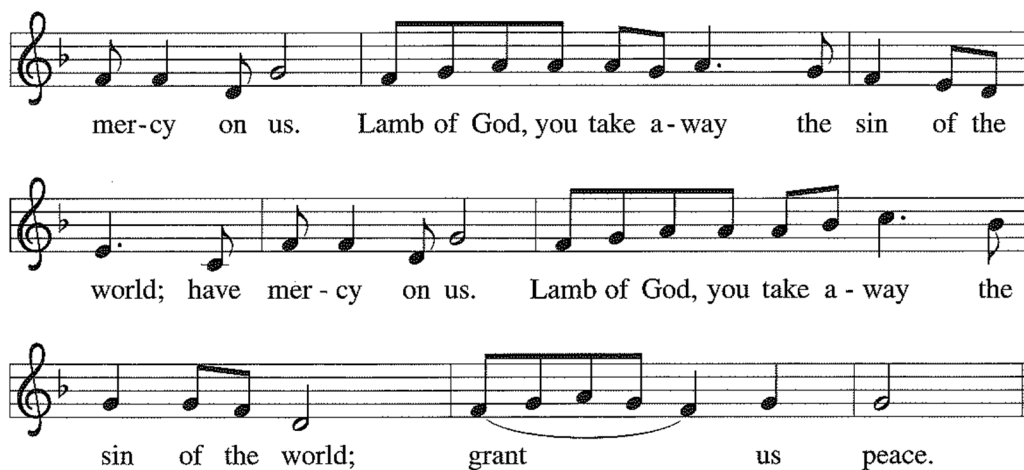
Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is offered continuously at the Lord's table and at the high altar. Please follow the ushers' prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station and returning via the side aisles. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, distribution is by wafers and small cups, and on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month distribution is by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are always available. Communion kits are no longer available.

Communion Music

"O Lamb of God" from *Holy Communion Setting Three*





Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign” ELW 434

DUKE STREET

1. Jesus shall reign where're the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessing on his name.

4. Blessings abound where're he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.; Music: arr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Toccata in B Minor”

Eugene Gigout



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Worship Leaders: Reverend James L. Pyatt; prayer assistant: Mike Doyne; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Lisa Barnette; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Jay Jacob, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Jay Jacob, Millie Cansler; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, A. J. Pridgen, John Simon, Chris Stevenson, Nick Wartner; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators :Alan Harms, Dawn Schwartz; musicians: St. Mark's Choir, Amy Woodall, directing; Jack Richardson, Amy Woodall, cantors; Eric Hauck, guest organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Brady Ferner; crucifer/acolyte: Brady Ferner; lector: Flora Chance; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: Bob Chernet; ushers: Team A; greeters: Eileen Dunlap, Charles & Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Cliff Edahl, Rebecca Huang, Janice Miller, A.J. Pridgen, Betsy Wenzel; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators :Meg Fielding, Diane Thomas



From the pastor -

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

During Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit who gathers, leads and enlivens the church's mission in this world. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are one in Christ, one body of many diverse people, gifts and voices. The church is not a building, but rather, a congregation of people gathered and enlivened by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of speaking with many and diverse voices the one gospel of God's love for this world in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is always seeking to lead us with vision and wisdom. I invite you to prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is alive in your life. How is God seeking to use your gifts through your hands and your voice at St. Mark's? We are all baptized into one body so that united in Christ, we might, in all of our diversity, welcome all people for Christ!

In the fellowship of the gospel,
Pastor Timothy 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 in honor of Wells Molan's 5th birthday by Virginia and Brendan Molan.

We welcome today's guest pastor! St. Mark's thanks Reverend James L. Pyatt for leading worship and preaching today. A graduate of Duke University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Duke Divinity School, he is a third generation United Methodist pastor. Jim is now semi-retired United Methodist pastor, serving part-time as the Archivist for the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC. Since his retirement in June 2023 Jim has served as a pulpit substitute in both UMC and ELCA congregations. He and his wife Janet have two adult children, Susanna and Isaac. **Thank you, Pastor Pyatt!**

Pastor Tim is away on vacation 11/5-26. In the case of a pastoral emergency please contact St. Mark's Council President, Jay Jacob, 704-301-6915, or the church office 704-375-9185. Thank you.

The Love Circle will meet Wednesday, November 13 at 11 am. Please join us!

College Care Packs We are sending our college students care packages for finals week. Thank you for sharing your leftover Halloween candy!

The Ethnic Restaurant Group will dine at Waldhorn German Restaurant on November 19th at 7:00 PM. Plan now to enjoy supper/dinner at an always-popular destination! Address: 12101 Lancaster Hwy, Pineville, NC 28134. Waldhorn has distinctive architecture that suggests "Germany". There is plenty of parking around the restaurant. The site is 0.7 mile south of NC-51 -- or 0.2 mile north of Carolina Place Parkway (Lancaster Highway called South Polk Street in Pineville and South Blvd in Charlotte). Gitta & Thomas Maier's family is offering our group a special menu that highlights archetypal German dishes. Gitta's family operated another "Waldhorn Restaurant" in Germany, so the name honors her parents and her original home. There are multiple German beers on draft. There is a Tuesday "Beer Club" for those interested. The entrées are reliably delicious! Sometimes a wandering accordion-player saunters by to increase the feelings of Gemütlichkeit! Favorites during previous visits have included roast duck, wurst platters, beef roulade, Wiener Schnitzel, roast pork, ... the list is long! The sides add a splash of panache with red cabbage, potatoes, Spaetzle, and flavorful gravies. Come and join the fun, and bring friends and neighbors. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Tom & Judy Tolbert by the Sunday midnight closest before the dinner to confirm seating.

Theology on Tap Thursday, November 21 at 7 pm at Vaulted Oak Brewery located at 3726 Monroe Road Charlotte.



Aid for Hurricane Helene Victims Thank you to all for your donations. If you would like to help, please see the NC Synod's 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!

The Christian Education Hour is at 9:30 am on Sundays. You are invited to join the Faith Forum for live discussion on the book of Acts. The class meets in the Large Conference room. New members are always welcome.

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

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.

Confirmation Class meets every Sunday at 9:30.

Stewardship

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.



Social Ministry

ROOM IN THE INN is just around the corner. We will be hosting 10 homeless men each Tuesday during January and February. Volunteers will be needed to supply DINNERS, BREAKFASTS and BAG LUNCH-

ES. Especially needed will be NIGHT SITTERS and an evening VAN DRIVER to pick up our guests and bring them to the church. Look for more information and a signup poster in the gathering place soon. Each guest is given a plastic bag containing these items: men's deodorant, body lotion suitable for men (no fragrances), lip balm, "travel size" toothpaste, individually packaged toothbrushes, and a tissue packet. We are requesting donations of these items, along with bedtime snacks such as lunch sized bags of chips, pretzels, goldfish; granola bars, (preferably without nuts) and small bags of fruit snacks. REMINDER: We DO NOT NEED bars of soap, shampoo or conditioner as we have dispensers in the showers. We CANNOT offer mouthwash as ordered by Roof Above. A collection basket is in the hall across from the large conference room. Your help in all this will be much appreciated.

NOURISH UP (Loaves & Fishes) The need for assistance in many families goes on. ALL foods are welcome but some items you may not have thought of but are certainly needed and appreciated: ketchup, mustard, mayo, salt, pepper, sugar, flour, tea bags, instant coffee, pancake mix "complete", syrup and cornbread mix. Please make sure all donations are NON-PERISHABLE and NON-BREAKABLE. The gathering place baker's rack is always waiting for your donations to those in our community in need. *"When I was hungry you gave me 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: Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. & Saturday morning 10:30 a.m. "SLAA".

Music Notes

"Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685 Frances Havergal (1836-1879) wrote this hymn in 1874, which she called a "Consecration hymn", Published in her *Songs of Grace and Glory* (1874), there may be no other hymn sung by our church that better addresses the commitment of our talents and possessions. Based upon Romans 12:1 "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,...which is your spiritual worship." The hymn covers the whole self--body and soul, intellect and heart, moments and will. Our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* pairs Frances' hymn with two very different tunes: PATMOS #685, composed by her father William H. Havergal (1793-1870), and TOMA MI VOLUNTAO #583 by William Pharris (b. 1956).

"For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679 Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) gave this text the name "Harvest Hymn". First published in *Methodist Recorder* in 1970, his hymn states several basic themes: thanks for the harvest of nature, a call to share with others and thus do God's will, and thanks for the harvests of the Spirit: goodness, truth and love. Green's text is paired with the traditional Welsh melody **AR HYD Y NOS** (All through the night).

"Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434 This hymn is from the pen of the great English hymn writer Isaac Watts (1674-1748). It is based on the second part of Psalm 72, entitled "Christ's Kingdom among the Gentiles" in his *Psalms of David* (London, 1719) and describes God's all-encompassing reign: God's kingdom spreads from shore to shore and lasts as long as the moon, people of all tongues are praising God. Even though it was written fifty years before the birth of the missionary movement, it is considered to be one of the great mission hymns. John Hatton (d. 1793) is the composer of the tune **DUKE STREET**, the tune named for the street on which he lived in Lancashire, England.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

November 11, Martin, Bishop of Tours (316/336-397)

The son of a senior officer in the Roman army, Martin joined the cavalry at age fifteen, serving for many years. When he was eighteen years old, near the gates of Amiens, a beggar approached Martin for aid, and Martin cut his cloak in half for the beggar. In a dream, Martin understood that Christ had been present in the beggar. He soon asked for release from his military duty, but was imprisoned instead for cowardice. After his release from prison he began preaching, particularly against the Arians. In 371 he was elected the bishop of Tours. As bishop he developed a reputation for intervening on behalf of prisoners and heretics who had been sentenced to death. Martin Luther was named for Martin of Tours, because he was baptized on November 11, 1483.

November 11, Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher (1813-1855)

Kierkegaard, a nineteenth-century Danish theologian whose writings reflect his Lutheran heritage, was the founder of modern existentialism. Many of his works were published under a variety of pseudonyms, so that he could reply to arguments from his own previous works. Kierkegaard's work attacked the established church of his day - its complacency, its tendency to intellectualize faith, and its desire to be accepted by polite society. His work, *Fear and Trembling*, is a modern study of the meaning of faith in the story of Abraham and Isaac. Kierkegaard was highly influential on the early theology of Karl Barth.

Adapted from Sundays and Seasons

St. Mark's Prayer List

Betty Denison, Charlene Oppermann, Jackie Ellington, Susan G., Ron and Nancy Stepp, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Patty Allen, Jarrod Braunschweiger, Julie Dornberger, Grey Hamilton, Jettie Leslie, Angie Blackwelder Malone, Norma Alexander, Laura Elliott, Gene Ellington, Ken Foust, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa Coburn, Ingrid Keiris, Shirley Larson, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Sergei Kobiakov, Arlene Fielding, Oakley Coburn, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Rachel Fulp, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests

(pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org)

Readings for 11/17/2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost /

Lectionary 33

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalms 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Birthdays

11/10 M. C. Katzel

11/10 Elizabeth Conner

11/11 Karen Covington

11/11 Pat Fox

11/11 Gwen Stone

11/12 Carol Lippert

11/14 Lowell Engelhard

11/14 Ted Seman

11/16 Claire Lippert



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)



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