



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



NOVEMBER 3, 2024

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

GATHERING

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

“Elegy for Organ”

George T. Thalben-Ball

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

“Shall We Gather at the River” ELW 423

HANSON PLACE

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; Music: Robert Lowry

Please be seated.

Welcome

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

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

“Lord Have Mercy” from *Holy Communion Setting One*

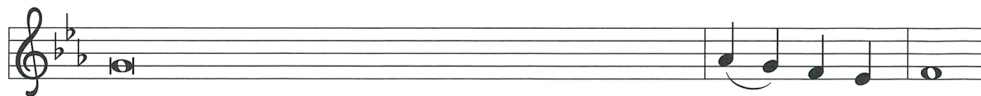
Jack Richardson, cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



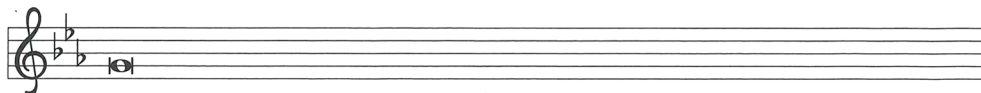
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God” from *Holy Communion Setting One*

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Marty Schwartz, lector

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 24

Amy Woodall, Nick Hanewinkel, cantors

Psalm 24:5 (Ann Krentz Organ) from *Psalter for Worship Year B*; © 2008 Augsburg Fortress



¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; ²for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. ⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation. ⁶Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah* ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ⁸Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle. ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

Marty Schwartz, lector

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the

throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord

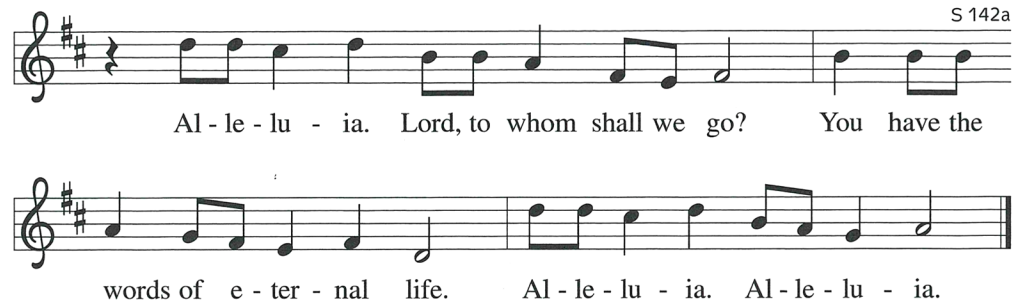
Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go"

Holy Communion Setting Three



The Holy Gospel

John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

"He makes all things new"

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

"Give Thanks for Saints" ELW 428

REPTON

1. Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die,
how forcefully they speak-the strong, who once were weak!
2. Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.

3. Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:
they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true,
for God's concerns they own-God's love through them is known.
4. Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

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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

(Larry Dagenhart, Jr., 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.*

Lord of all, as we move into November and anticipate winter's approach, help your church to show warmth and compassion to all our neighbors, especially those who are unhoused. Open our hearts as your church in finding opportunities to show love, kindness, and mercy to those who have less than we do, those who long to be seen and to be known. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of creation, you promise a new heaven and a new earth in which the boundaries of the sea will be no more. As we hope in this promise, help us to care for our home on earth, with its mountains, prairies, deserts, and seas so that life continues to flourish in praise of you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Gracious God, thank you for all the gifts you have bestowed on us. At the same time, be with all people here and around the world who are discouraged, angry, anxious, depressed, ashamed, or live without hope, as well as those who are physically or mentally ill. We especially remember our church family in need of your healing and strength: Betty Denison, Charlene Oppermann, Tom Sehorn, 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 of the nations, you reign over all nations and peoples. Guide the leaders of this nation and those of the global community to work for peace and to bring an end to all wars and conflicts that the nations might work together for the common good, for we are all your children and you have created us in our diversity to give glory to you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Heavenly Father, with election day coming Tuesday, let us not forget about all we have in common. Lord, deliver us from fear during these tense times in our nation. Guide us in treating all people with kind words and respect, especially those who might look at the world differently from the way we do. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal God, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our Lord, Christ Jesus, we remember the saints who have shared God's love with us, and who now rest in you:

✠ James Francis Westbrook
✠ Drew Robinson Smith
✠ Rev. Dr. Michael W. Frye
✠ Elaine Smetana Dorton
✠ Carol Lee Westbrook
✠ David Burroughs Mathis
✠ Virginia Marie Stackel

God of peace, knowing that you count all people as your children, we also lift before you,

✠ All who have died in wars and conflicts throughout the world.

May they find rest eternal in you, and we ask your comfort and strength upon their families and nations.

Creator God, confident that you hold all things in your provident care, we also lift before you,

✠ All who have died in natural disasters, especially those in
North Carolina during Hurricane Helene.

May they find rest eternal in you, and we ask your comfort and strength upon their families and communities.

Finally, Gracious Lord, we prayerfully remember,

✠ All the Saints
who faithfully witnessed to you and forever dwell
in your heavenly kingdom.

May we join them in ceaseless praise to you, setting our hope on the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Hear us, O 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

“Peace I Leave with You”

Allen Pote

Peace, peace I leave with you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you; but my peace I leave with you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Believe in God, believe also in me.

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

1. Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2. O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

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

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

Holy Communion Setting Three

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



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.

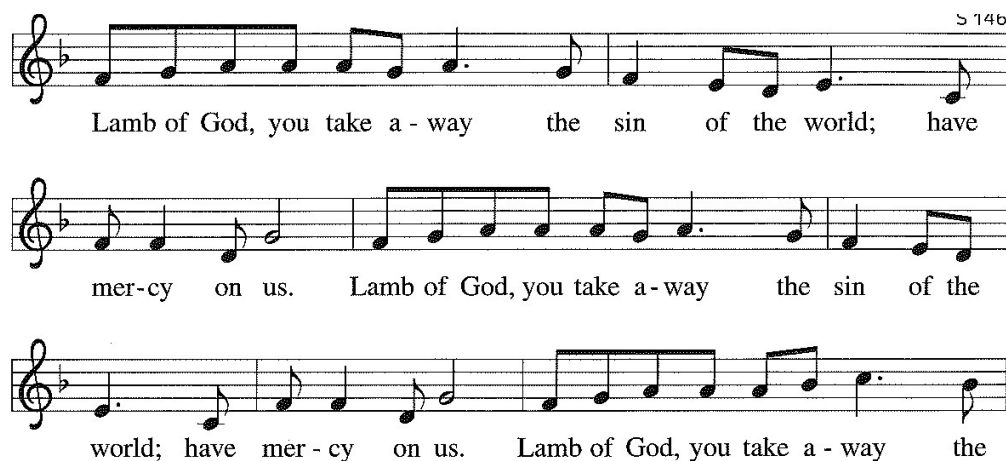
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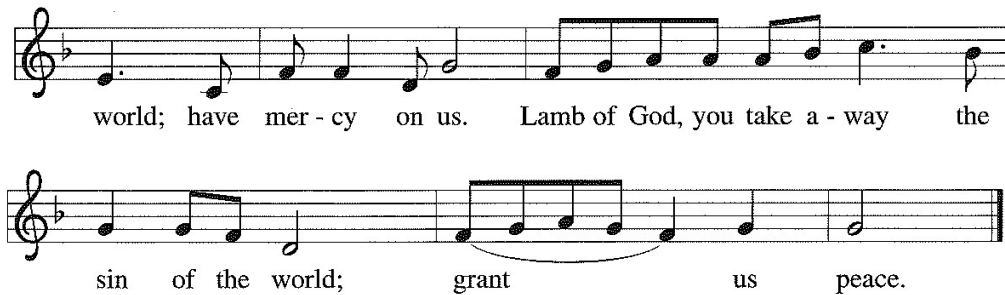
Distribution of Holy Communion

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*





“Trio and Adagio” from *Partita on ‘Shall We Gather at the River’* HANSON PLACE
Setting for organ by Jon Spong

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*

Gabriel Faure
Kate Suchanek, soprano

*Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray in thy mercy grant them rest.
O blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray in thy mercy grant them everlasting rest.*

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

“For All the Saints” ELW 422 stanzas 1, 2, 6, & 7

SINE NOMINE

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Praeludium in G Minor”

Nicolaus Bruhns



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Larry Dagenhart, Jr.; crucifer/acolyte: Brady Ferner; lector: Marty Schwartz; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Jay Jacob, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Eddie & Rebecca Huang, Dale & Mary Lou Hopp; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Jay Jacob, Susan Lakeman, Gretchen Payne, Kimberly Zimmerman; communion helper: Kay Finlon; tabulators :Kevin Feezor, Carol Goodall; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Jack Richardson, Amy Woodall, Nick Hanewinkel, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Mike Doyne.; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Lisa Barnette; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Team A; 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



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 Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Matt & Ashley Frusti – Oct. 19th; Bryan & Shelley Ashcroft – Oct. 27th; Tom & Kay Sehorn – Nov. 5th.

Today is All Saints Sunday. On All Saints Day (11/1) the church celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. Today we give thanks for the saints in the life of the church and for the saints of St. Mark's who have passed away during the last year.

St. Mark's Men's Group Join us Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will also prepare a meal for delivery to Hospitality House of Charlotte.

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. Bring your leftover Halloween candy donations by Nov. 10. Thank you!

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 lively discussions. 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 LUNCHES. 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.

LOAVES & FISHES (Now Nourish Up) 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

"For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest" ELW 422 This hymn was written by William How (1823-1897) an Anglican Bishop, first published in a collection entitled *Hymns for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns, By a Layman* (London, 1864). A passage from Hebrews 12 is the inspiration: "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." American hymnologist and composer Austin Lovelace adds his insight: "the hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church." The tune **SINE NOMINE** ("without a name") is one of four original hymn tunes written anonymously by Ralph Vaughan Williams, first published in the *English Hymnal* (1906).

"Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423 This text and tune were written in the summer of 1864 by American composer, author, and theologian Robert Lowry (1826-1899). The author said he was seated at the parlor organ of his home in Brooklyn, NY, reflecting on Revelation 22:1 "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb." Dr. Lowry said "the music came with the hymn." The tune **HANSON PLACE** is named for the church where he served in Brooklyn, Hanson Place Baptist Church

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

November 3, Martin de Porres (1579-1639), renewer of society

Martin was the son of a Spanish knight and Ana Velázquez, a freed black slave from Panama. Martin was a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and engaged in many charitable works. He was noted for his care of all the poor, regardless of race. The Dominicans described him as the "father of charity." His work included founding an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs. He is recognized as an advocate for Christian charity and interracial justice.

November 7, John Christian Frederick Heyer (1793-1873); Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg (1682-1719); Ludwig Nommensen (1834-1918), missionaries

Three missionaries are commemorated on this date. **Heyer** was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. Ordained in 1820, he established Sunday schools and taught at Gettysburg College and Seminary. Heyer became a missionary in the Andhra region of India. During a break in his mission work he received the M.D. degree from what would later be Johns Hopkins University. **Ziegenbalg** was the first Protestant missionary ever sent outside of Europe, and was a missionary to Tranquebar on the southwest coast of India. He was sent by the Danish king, yet his missionary work was opposed by Danish expatriates living in India because he worked among indigenous people. He translated the New Testament and hymns into Tamil. Today the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded in 1707, carries on his work. **Nommensen** was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. In the early 1860s he went to Sumatra to serve as a Lutheran missionary. His work was among the Batak people, who had previously not known anything of Christianity. Nommensen translated the scriptures into Batak while honoring much of the native culture.

Adapted from Sundays and Seasons

St. Mark's Prayer List

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Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests

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Readings for 11/10/2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Birthdays

11/3 Garlan Miles

11/4 Jim Metze

11/4 John Mobley

11/5 Dave Kutscher

11/5 Gail Salmon

11/7 Laura Foust

11/8 Clayton Payne

11/9 Bradwell Molan



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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