



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



FEBRUARY 9, 2025

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / LECTIONARY 5

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight the unlikely human instruments and circumstances of God's grace. Aware of his sinfulness, Isaiah initially hesitates, but when God calls, he says, "Here am I; send me." Paul, also aware of his sinfulness, says, "But by the grace of God, I am what I am and his grace toward me has not been in vain." Jesus' disciples, too, responding to Jesus, left everything, and followed him.

GATHERING

Bold responses are spoken by the congregation.

Prelude

"Variations on 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty'"

Tune NICAIA by John B. Dykes; Organ settings by Piet Post

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" ELW 413

NICAIA

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.; Music John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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,
who creates us, redeems us,
and calls us by name.

Amen.

Remembering the waters of Holy Baptism, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:
In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

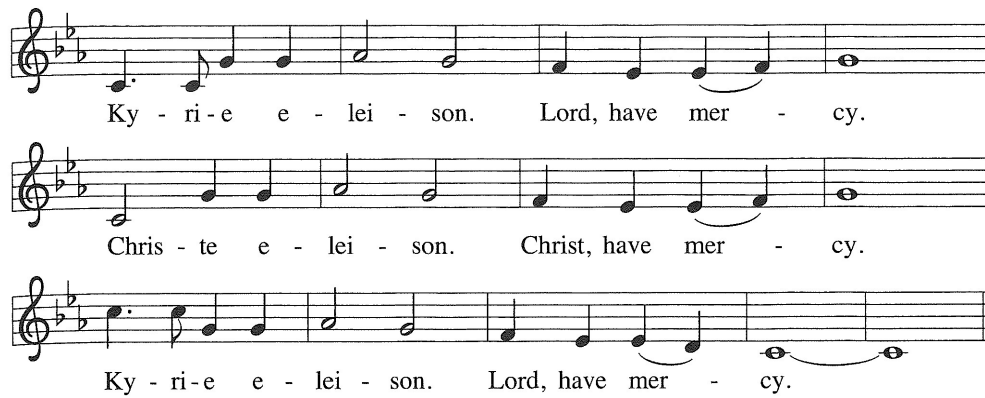
Greeting

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

“Kyrie eleison” from *All Creation Sings*, Holy Communion Setting Twelve



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

Meg Fielding, lector

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 138

Kate Suchanek, Madeline Phillips, cantors

Psalm 138:2 (Daniel Kallman) from *Psalter for Worship Year C*; © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

The canticle printed below (the NRSV) may be different than the translation sung by the cantors.

As you listen to the psalm, please meditate on how different translations draw us more deeply into God's word, enriching its meaning.



¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ²I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. ³On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. ⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. ⁵They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the

glory of the LORD. ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away. ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Meg Fielding, lector

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Luke 5:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all who were with him

were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

"They left everything and followed him"

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

"Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574

HERE I AM, LORD

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926 © 1984 Hope Publishing Co.; Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918



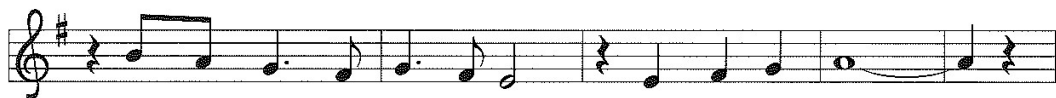
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



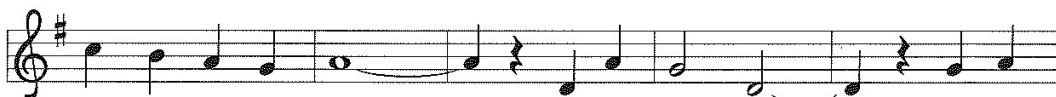
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Lisa Barnette, prayer assistant

The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.

With the spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of grace you continue to call teachers and advocates, pastors and prophets, disciples and apostles to follow you. Equip us, your church, to respond to your call, that in leaving ourselves behind, we might discover ourselves anew in loving service to you and our neighbor. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you provided an amazing universe for all of humankind to tend and cherish. The animal kingdom, the plant world, oceans, and atmosphere are all reliant on each other to survive and to be nurtured as designed. We ask for God's help to affect healing on the scars and wounds that are results of this slow destruction and climate related devastation. We uplift prayers for directing the right actions for the earth and all of its inhabitants that have lost so much. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Lord of hope and healing, in the midst of major changes in our nation, help us Lord to understand our differences and move us to build each other up through positive actions and conversations for everyone to find any possible bridges on the many issues. Stand by us to calm fears in this time of transition and turmoil and guide us in knowing that we must hold on to our deep faith and hope for a better tomorrow in God's kingdom. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, surround and clothe all who suffer with healing and hope, especially those who struggle with sickness, grief, addiction, and mental illness. Grant to all caregivers, medical staff, and first responders the gifts of healing and compassion as they care for many facing trauma and death. Be with our extended church family offering them each healing and wholeness, especially, John Simon, Judy Cox, Mike Doyne, Lisa Wiedemer, Ross Boheler, Betty Denison, Charlene Oppermann, Susan G., Ron and Nancy Stepp, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Mark Thornton, Patty Allen, Jarrod Braunschweiger, Julie Dornberger, Jettie Leslie, Angie Blackwelder Malone, Norma Alexander, Laura Elliott, Gene Ellington, Ken Foust, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Danyne 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. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we humble ourselves to acknowledge the facts of the Good News of the resurrection as the foundation of our faith. We seek to follow the example of Jesus in feeding those that are hungry and in great need of care and compassion. Help us to use our abilities and spirit of community to show God's love in serving others and sharing our blessings. We are grateful that St. Mark's has been willing to answer this call since the needs are great. Help us to look kindly toward those that need the unconditional love that God shows us each day. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Lord of Hosts, you continue to seek a lost and broken humanity with a grace that searches and renews each of us, may we always proclaim your love, seeking to follow your Son, Jesus, who is the way to eternal life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promises are revealed among all peoples, 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

“Shine on Us, Lord Jesus”

Lee Dengler

You are the Light. You guide us in Your way. You are the Way that leads us to truth. You are the Truth that brings to us new life. Shine on us, Lord Jesus. You are the Life. Light of the world, we feel the radiance of Your glory. We trust in You to lead us through the night. We find our place within redemption's story, as we reflect Your love that shines so bright. Shine on us, Lord Jesus. You are the Life.

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW 798 stanza one

KELVINGROVE

1. “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, Text © 1987 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.; Music: Scottish traditional

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

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” from *All Creation Sings*

Holy Communion Setting Twelve

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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, 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

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

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

“Lamb of God” from *Holy Communion Setting Four*

S 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” from *Ten Preludes in Trio Style*

Setting for organ by David S. Harris

Communion Anthem

“You Call Us, Lord”

Tune CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Setting for choir, organ and cantors by Carol Browning

You call us, Lord, to hear your Word, in gratitude to humbly pray, accept your gift of grace assured, and lift our hearts to sing your praise. In this place of wood and stone, of hungry hearts, of bread and cup, make us, your church, a house and home built on your abiding love. You call us, Lord, to seek your will, and follow in your narrow way, become a sign of life fulfilled, and grow in love and faith each day. You call us, Lord, to take and share this meal of love, in wine and bread; in cross and sign, in heartfelt prayer, to journey on as we are led. You call us, Lord, to unity, to be disciples of your Son, to bless us now, your family, O Holy Spirit, make us one.

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. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING

Sending Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“In Christ Called to Baptize” ELW 575

ST. DENIO

1. In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.
2. In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.
3. In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

4. Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

Text : Ruth Duck, b. 1947 © 1995 Pilgrim Press; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876, alt

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”

John Stanley



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Lisa Barnette; crucifer: Riley Smith; acolyte: Needed; lector: Kay Finlon; live streaming camera: Joe Barrett; soundboard: Bob Chernet; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jenny Dagenhart, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Jay Jacob, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson; greeters: Patrick & Rebecca Huang, Dale & Mary Lou Hopp; communion assistants: Janice Miller, Betsy Wenzel, Chris & Palmer Stevenson, Kimberly Zimmerman; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Alan Harms; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Jack Richardson, Amy Woodall, Madeline Phillips, Kate Suchanek, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Riley Smith; crucifer: Needed; acolyte: Riley Smith; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Team A; greeters: Millie Cansler, Jay Jacob; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Jay Jacob, Charles & Susan Lakeman, A.J. Pridgen; communion helper: Karen Covington; tabulators: Meg Fielding, Diane Thomas



From the pastor -

"God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9)

The season of Epiphany is four to nine weeks (depending on the date of Easter), lasting from the Feast of Epiphany (January 6) through the day before Ash Wednesday (this year, March 5). The season of Epiphany as a whole focuses upon the humanity and the divinity of Jesus Christ. At Epiphany, Jesus' birth is announced through the Magi to the nations, and the season continues to witness to the beginning of Jesus' ministry, his baptism, the calling of his disciples, and his proclamation of the good news. The focus of this season is ever outward toward the world and all nations, revealing the scope of our proclamation and work as modern-day Christians. On the final Sunday of this season, The Transfiguration (March 2), we see the fullness of Christ's divinity revealed in his humanity, also revealing the gift of his Spirit dwelling in us. Epiphany is a season in which we respond in faith and service to Jesus Christ, as his contemporary disciples and messengers, always moving ever outward with faith active in love.

In the grace and peace of Christ,
Pastor Tim McKenzie
pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers Today are given in to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, John & Charlotte McCauley and Evan & Libby MacWhirter and their February birthdays by Sally McCauley, Stan & Gigi (McCauley) Hankins and Stan & Sharon (MacWhirter) Cooper.

Souper Bowl of Caring 2025 Help "Tackle Hunger" in our community by donating non-perishable food items for the hungry in our community, through Sunday 2/9.

ROOM IN THE INN needs a few more toiletries for our overnight guests to make it to the end of the season. Requesting individually wrapped toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste in its' box, travel size body lotion for men, and chapstick. Put all donations in the basket across from the large conference room. Thank you for your support

Room in the Inn volunteers are needed! Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

Love Circle Wednesday, 2/12 at 11:00 am in the Large Conference Room. Join us!

The Ethnic Restaurant Group will dine at Aroma Indian Restaurant on 18 February, 2025. Aroma is "proudly the largest Indian restaurant in the Greater Charlotte Area with authentic Indian flavors and exquisite ambiance." Dining at Aroma provides an experience, not just a meal. Aroma is in the Red Stone Complex, beside the Cinemas: 9648 Red Stone Dr, Indian Land, SC 29707. Head south on US-521 (Johnson Rd), turn left at either the SC-160 intersection (and work your way behind Reid's), or you can turn left at the first traffic light after the SC-160 intersection. Aroma's cuisine reflects a wide range of the various culinary regions of the Indian sub-continent. We often order extra as take-out for the next day's meal. There also is full bar service. Spice levels are adjusted to personal preference (if you want super mild, you must say so, since this will limit some selections). The staff courteously helps with selections. Mark your calendars for a scrumptious feast and join the fun at Aroma. Tom & Judy Tolbert

Theology on Tap Thursday, February 20 at 7 pm at Open Tap at 7p located at 5010 Carmel Center Drive 28226. Everyone is welcome!

The St. Mark's Book Study Group's next meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 10 am in the large conference room and via Zoom. Our selection is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her 18-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over 30 years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. Now, Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late. All interested persons are invited to join us for this study. For more information, please contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert.


Carolina Pro Musica in Concert 2/28/25 7:30 PM

"Celebrating Scarlatti" Alessandro Scarlatti, who lived until 1725, is credited with establishing the Neopolitan

style of music including opera overtures, forerunners of the symphony. He wrote hundreds of cantatas which served as models for others, too. Celebrate his life. Half price tickets for SMLC using code StMarksHO at <https://www.carolinapromusica.org/schedule>

Save the Date! The Congregational Life Committee is again hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us! Please copy the link to your browser or call the church office to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4DAFAB23A6F49-54863812-shrove>

Charlotte Flute Association Recital Heads Up! Sunday, March 9 at 2:30 PM. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome!

 **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 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 YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@st.markslutheranchlotte234/streams>), St. Mark's website (<https://saintmarkscharlotte.org/live-stream/>), and 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

Please prayerfully consider your 2025 pledge to Christ's mission at St. Mark's. Your pledge is important to St. Mark's mission and may also be offered at any time. 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.



2025 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

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" ELW 413 This popular hymn was written specifically for Trinity Sunday by Anglican Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1826). His writing is based on John's vision of God as found in Revelation 4. Austin Lovelace says of this hymn: "Although filled with apocalyptic language, the hymn combines a sense of mystery with God's mercy, power, love and purity." First published in 1826 in a collection entitled *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Parish Church of Branbury*, Heber's hymn was included in the selection of hymns that reaffirm the doctrine of the triune God. The tune **NICAEA** was written for this text, and published in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) is the composer of this tune, as well as nearly 300 additional tunes from the Victorian era. **NICAEA** is named for the ancient Greek city of Nicaea, where the Nicene Creed was initially established in 325 A.D.

"Here I Am, Lord" ELW 574 Daniel Laurent Schutte (b. 1947), an American Jesuit priest, and composer of Catholic liturgical music, wrote this hymn for a diaconal ordination in 1979. It is based on Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'" This hymn comes to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* from *With One Voice* (1995). Schutte composed the tune **HERE I AM, LORD** that goes with this hymn. He has written over 150 hymns and Mass settings.

"In Christ Called to Baptize" ELW 575 Ruth Carolyn Duck (b. 1947) is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, a liturgical theologian and retired professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. She is best known for her compositions, and a writer and adaptor of over 150 hymns, with an eye toward gender inclusive language worship sources. Duck wrote this hymn in 1995 for a meeting of the Lutheran World Federation in Hong Kong. She says "because the hymn is about the church's ministry of word and sacrament and its mission in the world, not only baptism", she changed the title to "In Christ Called to Worship". The Welsh tune **ST. DENIO**, famously paired with "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ELW 834, is a good fit for Duck's hymn.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

February 14, Cyril, monk (826–869) and Methodius, bishop (815–885), missionaries to the Slavs

Cyril and Methodius were brothers from a noble family in Thessalonika in northeastern Greece. They were Byzantine theologians and missionaries to the Slavic people. Since Slavonic had no written form at the time, the brothers established a written language based upon the Greek alphabet. The Cyrillic alphabet is named after them. They translated the New Testament, the Psalms and parts of the Old Testament into the Slavic language. They also translated the liturgy using the Cyrillic alphabet. The success of their missionary work was a result of their employing the local language for translation and teaching rather than Latin or Greek, though this brought them into repeated conflict with Rome. The Czechs, Serbs, Croats, Slovaks, and Bulgars regard these brothers as the founders of Slavic literature. The brothers' work in preaching and worshiping in the language of the people are honored by Christians in both East and West.

Adapted from Sundays and Seasons

St. Mark's Prayer List

John Simon, Judy Cox, Mike Doyne, Lisa Wiedemer, Ross Boheler, Betty Denison, Charlene Oppermann, Susan G., Ron and Nancy Stepp, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Patty Allen, Jarrod Braunschweiger, Julie Dornberger, 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 2/16/2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Lectionary 6

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Birthdays

2/9 Davis Ferner

2/12 Elizabeth Williams

2/13 Jake Weckerle

2/14 Rebecca Huang



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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