



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



JUNE 15, 2025

THE HOLY TRINITY / THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

GATHERING

*The congregation is invited to join in the **Bold** responses.*

Prelude

"Let the Bright Seraphim" from *Samson*

George Frideric Handel

Setting for trumpet and organ by Sue Mitchell-Wallace

The congregation stands as the cross is carried into the sanctuary.

Processional Hymn

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

NICAEA

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

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!

Please be seated.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Please stand as able.

Kyrie

“Father, I Adore You”

Tony Coelho

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

Hymn of Praise

“All Glory Be to God on High” ELW 410 stanza one

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOH

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485-1550, tr. Composite, © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress; Music: Plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
God for grace and mer - cy! A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Andrea Long, lector

¹Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live. ²²“The LORD created me at the

beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, ³¹playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 8

Amy Woodall, Nick Hanewinckel, cantors

Psalm 8:2 (Linda Cable Schute) from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!--you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of



the mouths of in- | fants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. R ³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses, ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them? R ⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them. ⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet: ⁷all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea. ⁹O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth! R

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Andrea Long, lector

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

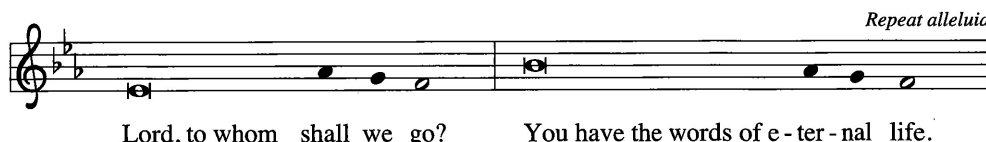
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia” from *Holy Communion Setting Twelve*



Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel

John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

"God's love poured into your hearts"

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

"Come, All You People" ELW 819

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Text & Music: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936m alt, T&M © 1986 World Council of Churches and the Asian Institute of Liturgy & Music

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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come now and wor - ship the Lord.

The Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor McKenzie, prayers

The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.*

Abiding God, you pour your love into the whole global church, creating faith and bestowing hope that crosses all borders and boundaries. Fill us all with the love of the triune God, helping us to live out our many and diverse callings. Gather your church in every place, expression, and language into unity with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe and reverence at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: rivers and lakes, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. Crown us with wisdom to care for the world you have made. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you sent your Son to live among us because you delight in the whole human race. This week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the ongoing wounds of racial and ethnic violence. Guide and bless all leaders, especially of this nation, with compassion and mercy to work for the lives and freedoms of all people, especially the poor, the stranger, and the oppressed. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to the suffering, deliverance to the afflicted, healing to the sick, and faith to the dying. Bless and hold our extended church family in your loving embrace: Marcia Newlin, Andres Puky, Diane Thornton, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Jerry Poplin, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Betty Denison, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Angie Blackwelder Malone, Norma Alexander, Laura Elliott, Gene Ellington, Ken Foust, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa and Oakley Coburn, Ingrid Keiris, Shirley Larson, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Rachel Fulp, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in divine unity you share all things. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle and faithful hearts to share your love, grant healing to broken and wounded of families, and give comfort to all who mourn the loss of a father on this day. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, your love poured into our hearts grants hope that never disappoints. We give you thanks for all who have lived and died in the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lead us to look to you throughout our lives, and bring us at the last to the fullness of life eternal with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather our prayers in your mercy, O God, 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

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment’s hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW 884

OLD HUNDREDTH

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

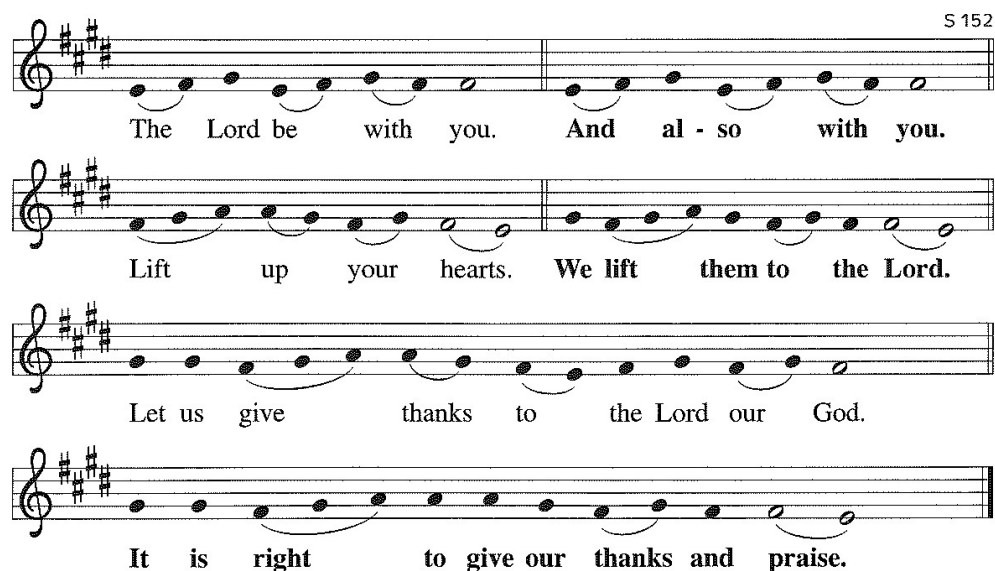
Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

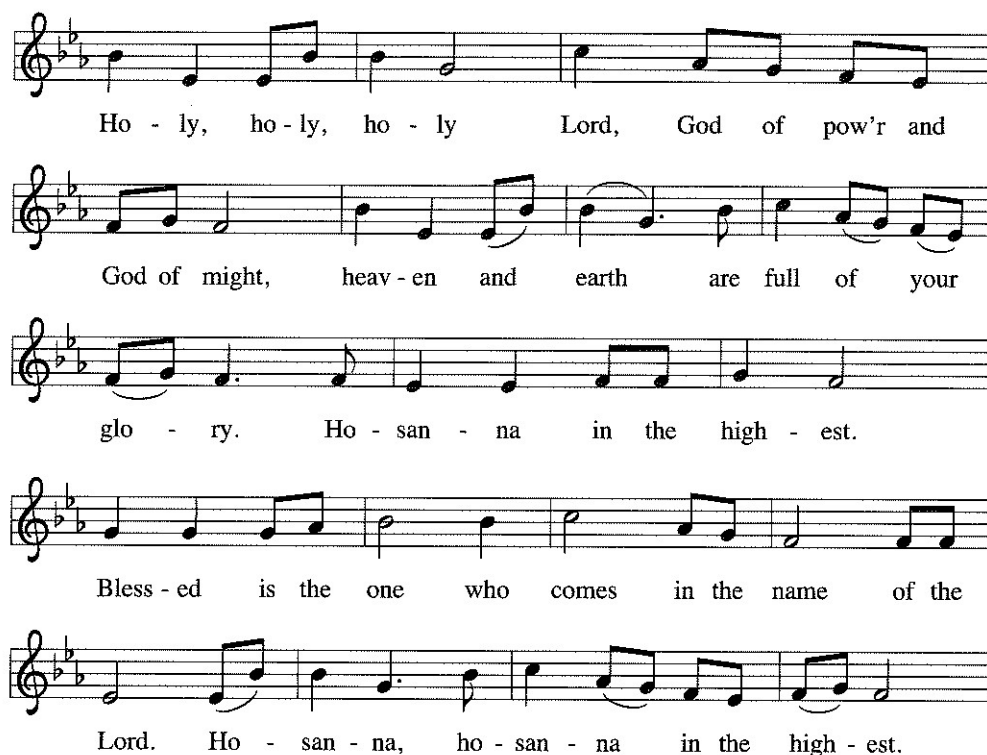
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

Holy Communion Setting 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.



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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

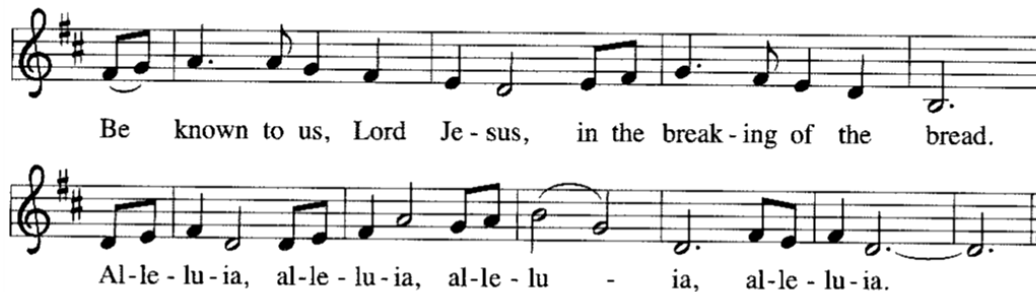
Holy Communion is offered continuously at the Lord's table and at the high altar. Please follow the ushers' prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station and returning via the side aisles. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, distribution is by wafers and small cups, and on the 2nd, 4th, 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

"Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus" from *All Creation Sings*

Holy Communion Setting Twelve





“Variations on ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty’”

Tune NICAEA by John B. Dykes

Settings for organ by Piet Post

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Southern Harmony tune NEW BRITAIN

Setting for trumpet and organ by John H. Head

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, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING

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

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” ELW 412

KINGSFOLD

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953, © 2001 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.; Music: English folk tune

1. Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun-
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.
2. Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

3. Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame,
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
4. Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Toccata for Trumpet and Organ”

Giambattista Martini



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie (prayers); crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Andrea Long; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Doug Milheim, Marc Ginns, Susan Ginns, Eddie Goodall, Sean Fielding; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Ted Seman, David Thomason; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Chris Stevenson, Palmer Stevenson, Betsy Wenzel, Kimberly Zimmerman; communion helper: Chris Miller; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, Doug Milheim; musicians: St. Mark's Summer Choir; Gabriel Slesinger, trumpet; Amy Woodall, Nick Hanewinkel, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Melissa Smith; crucifer/acolyte: Brady Ferner; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: Team B; greeters: Charles & Susan Lakeman, Tom & Kay Sehorn; communion assistants: Rebecca Huang, Jay Jacob, A.J. Pridgen, Kevin Feezor, Nick Wartner; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Charles Lakeman, Karen Feezor



From the pastor -

"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

The Holy Trinity is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Today we give thanks for the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in whose name we are baptized and who dwells in us. This divine mystery is made real in God's grace and love poured into our hearts that God's love might be active in our lives. It is Jesus who reveals the triune God, calling God the Father, himself the Son, and promising the Holy Spirit. Jesus reveals three divine persons in perfect unity as one God, yet each at work separately as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The Holy Trinity is the divine mystery dwelling in you that through you, God might be active in love and mercy in this world.

In the fellowship of the gospel,
Pastor Tim McKenzie
pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Concert Today: Please join us at 4 pm for "Angels in the Architecture: 500 years of Music in Paris" performed with over thirty instruments across many musical periods. The concert is free and is part of the Vespers at St. Mark's series.

St Mark's Ethnic Restaurant Group will meet at Southern Pecan Restaurant in Phillips Place on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Southern Pecan celebrates "Gulf South" cuisine with casual ambience. The goal is to convey you emotionally to the Deep South and tease you with ancient favorites. Here you can find libations, oysters (in non-R months), Mississippi tamales, BBQ shrimp, quail gambettes, po'boys, gumbo, layered Napoleon salad, chicken & dumplings, pecan-crusted catfish, jambalaya, blackened fish, short ribs, roasted chicken, shrimp & grits, collards, mac & cheese, dirty rice, and so much more, including cobbler, key lime pie, and a full bar service. Join the fun and relax while enjoying the fare of Nawlins, Mobile, Pensacola, and Laf'yet without having to leave the county. You may even dance a Creole zydeco -- or enjoy them on your plate. If you enter Phillips Place at

the main traffic light entrance (Cameron Valley Parkway), turn right on the first side street (Phillips Place Court), and you will find Southern Pecan one block down that path. RSVP to Tom & Judy Tolbert by the Sunday midnight before the dinner. All are welcome.

Our June Theology on Tap will be Thursday, June 19 at 7 pm at Middle James Brewery, located at 400 N Polk Street, Pineville

The St. Mark's Book Group's next meeting will be Thursday, June 26, at 10 am in the large conference room and via Zoom. This month's selection is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. This is a work of historical fiction about the nine working-class boys from the University of Washington's eight-oar team that represented the US in rowing at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin. They narrowly beat out Italy and Germany to win the gold medal. They never expected to surpass the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, but they did. There are two backstories. One illustrates how all nine members of the Washington team came from lower-middle-class families and had to struggle to earn their way through school during the depths of the depression. The second backstory begins with a depiction of Hitler decreeing construction of the spectacular German venues at which the Games would take place. Along the way, the book also describes how the Nazis successfully covered up the evidence of their harsh and inhumane treatment of the Jews and other minorities so as to win worldwide applause for the Games, duping the United States Olympic Committee, among others. Please join us as we explore this most interesting story. Please contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert for more information.

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. The class meets at 9:30 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.markslutherancharlotte234/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

SPECIAL SUMMER FOOD DRIVE FOR

NOURISH UP (Loaves & Fishes) The need for food assistance in many families goes on. It is especially true for the low-income families whose children will not be receiving free breakfasts and lunches when school is out. Please remember these families and their children the next time you grocery shop. Put a couple "child friendly" items in your cart such as cereal, canned pasta entrees, single portions of mac & cheese, canned fruit, peanut butter and squeeze bottles of jelly. All foods are of course welcome. Just remember to make sure they are NON-PERISHABLE and NON-BREAKABLE. The baker's rack in the gathering place is waiting for your donations. Thank you!

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.

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" ELW 412 This hymn is the work of American hymn writer and pastor Richard Leach (b. 1953), who wrote this hymn in 2002 for the 250th anniversary of Trinity Church on the Green, in New Haven, Connecticut. Leach says of his hymn: "Dancing has a very long association with the Trinity, going back to eighth century theologians who used the word perichoresis to speak of the interdependence of unity and Trinity. 'Dance around' is a literal translation of the word, but its sense is 'interweaving,' and I use that in the hymn." In his *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Worship* (2010) Dr. Paul Westermeyer writes of this hymn: "What we get here, then, is the church in motion with a winsome welcome by and to the God of its being—an invitation to dance the Trinity's interweaving dance that 'began' before all worlds began, to see the Trinity's face in Christ's human flesh and bone, to speak aloud the Trinity's wind and flame that frees us to move, and then to shape the rising song in joy." The tune **KINGSFOLD** is an English folk tune named for the town in Surrey, England.

"Come, All You People" ELW 819 Alexander Gondo (b. 1936), a pastor and church musician in Zimbabwe, wrote both the text and the tune **UYAIMOSE**. He was a founding member of the African Association of Musicians. The hymn was written in Shona, a language spoken primarily by the Shona people of Zimbabwe and Mozambique and had its first publication in the World Council of Churches publication *African Songs of Worship* (1986).

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

June 17, Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019.

June 21, Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist (1856-1931)

Onesimos Nesib was born into the Oromo people of Ethiopia. Though named Hika as a baby, he later took the biblical name Onesimus. He was captured by slave traders and taken from his homeland to Eritrea, where he was repeatedly sold, and finally freed and educated by Swedish Lutheran missionaries. He was baptized in 1872, and sent to Johannelund School of Theology in Sweden where he studied for five years, returning to his homeland to preach the gospel. With the assistance of Aster Ganno, a young girl, he translated the Bible into the Oromo language. His tombstone includes a verse from Jeremiah 22:29, "O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord!"

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St. Mark's Prayer List

Marcia Newlin, Andres Puky, Diane Thornton, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Jerry Poplin, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Angie Blackwelder Malone, Norma Alexander, Laura Elliott, Gene Ellington, Ken Foust, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa & Oakley Coburn, Ingrid Keiris, Shirley Larson, Jimmy Schwartz, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Rachel Fulp, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests

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Readings for 6/22/2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost/

Lectionary 12

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Birthdays

6/16 Mark Thornton

6/17 Marilyn Graham

6/17 Meg Fielding

6/20 Jordan Eason

6/20 Michael Thompson

6/21 Mari McKenzie

6/21 John Simon



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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