



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



JUNE 29, 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / LECTIONARY 13

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Paul encourages us saying, "For freedom Christ has set us free." Christian freedom means liberation from our broken and sinful ways to freely love and serve our neighbor as Jesus Christ. In the gospel, Jesus also reminds us that the call to follow him liberates us from all that limits us, so that truly freed, we might follow him in loving service pointing to the kingdom of heaven drawn near in him.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

"Prelude on 'All My Hope on God Is Founded'"

Tune MICHAEL by Herbert Howells

Setting for organ by Robert Buckley Farlee

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

Processional Hymn

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" ELW 452

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Text: RF. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984; © 1980 Augsburg Publishing House; Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829

1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.
2. To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.
3. There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.
4. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.
5. For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Lisa Barnette, lector

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

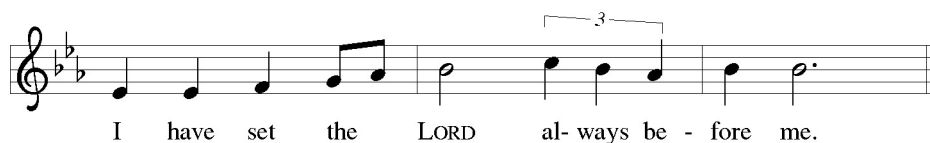
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 16

Taylor McNamara, Jack Richardson, cantors

Psalm 16:8(Walter L. Pelz) from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names up on my lips. R ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who hold my lot. ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance. ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. R ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit. ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Lisa Barnette, lector

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit

desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” from *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 9:51-62**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“For freedom Christ has set us free”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
 4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
 tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
 pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing

on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
 tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
 beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
 for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and

lone, call my heart to be thine own.
 hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
 store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
 all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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

Lisa Barnette, prayer assistant

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.*

God of community, please help us to make St. Mark's — and churches everywhere — a home where everyone enters with happiness, feels welcomed and loved and feels refreshed with hope and stronger faith upon leaving as we go out into God's light. We open our doors to everyone with our friendly

greeters and ushers, a strong liturgically based music program with dedicated choristers and instrumentalists, and the Word and Sacraments are delivered faithfully based on the Gospels. As we enter this sacred space, help us to silence the heaviness of our days and give thanks to our creator and protector as we gather with the St. Mark's faith community in the physical church and everyone that participates with us online. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, watch over and protect creation; keep us mindful of the inheritance you have given to all humanity that we might treat this world as the source of life and well-being for the people of all nations. Reveal to us a life-giving path that sustains and shares the abundance you have created for all living creatures. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign Lord, we rejoice that you reign supreme over everything in the universe. We know that there has always been chaos in the world but we should always entrust it to God. We can relinquish our anxiety and turn our attention away from what we cannot control. With your help Lord, we feel led to center our numerous prayer concerns for freedom, peace, empathy, compassion, and respect for each other. May the leaders of our country and leaders of all other nations seek to make equitable decisions for the good graces of all humanity. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, uphold all who suffer and give refuge to those homeless and displaced who have nowhere to lay their heads. Grant healing to the sick, faith to the dying, and strength to all caregivers. We pray for our extended church family: 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.

Merciful and caring Lord, you reveal to us the poor and those in need of basic necessities for daily living. We come to you in prayerful concern to intercede for those less fortunate whatever their journey has been. When hot weather makes daily survival difficult, give us the compassion to 'see' them and to seek ways to provide comfort and care. We pray to you Lord knowing that each person is held in your loving merciful care. Help our city decision makers to work toward ways to affect change in this ever-growing issue. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of love, you journey with us along all of life's roads, helping us to discern your voice. We give you thanks for the saints who have walked with us, shared the faith, taught us to pray, and consoled us with your grace. Grant us the faith to follow Jesus who opens the way to the kingdom of heaven. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gather our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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

MEAL

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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

Anthem

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Corner stone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Please stand as able.

Offertory

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW 182

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

Music: Richard W. Hilbert, b. 1923 T&M © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 Ten

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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

The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Holy Communion

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

Communion Music

"O Lamb of God"

Holy Communion Setting Ten

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

"Chorale Interpretation on 'Be Thou My Vision'"

Traditional Irish tune
Organ setting by David Cherwien

Communion Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision” ELW 793

SLANE

Text Irish, 8th cen.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: Irish traditional

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

The life of the Spirit

✙ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord” ELW 574

HERE I AM, LORD

Text & Music: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946, © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc.

1. “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

3. “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Voluntary on ‘All My Hope on God Is Founded’”

Tune MICHAEL by Herbert Howells
Organ setting by Michael Burkhardt



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Lisa Barnette; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Lisa Barnette; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Doug Milheim, Marc Ginns, Susan Ginns, Eddie Goodall, Sean Fielding; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Michael & Tara Thompson; communion assistants: Charles & Susan Lakeman, Andrea Long, Janice Miller, Virginia Molan; communion helper: Kay Finlon; tabulators: Karen Feezor, Kevin Feezor, Charles Lakeman; musicians: St. Mark's Summer Choir; Jack Richardson, Taylor McNamara, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Michael Thompson; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: TBD; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Team C; greeters: Jackie Ellington, Evelyn Gerdes; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Andrea Long, Tom Puky, John Simon, Kimberly Zimmerman; communion helper: Chris Miller; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Charles Lakeman



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 the "Time after Pentecost," we celebrate the triune God who enlivens, encourages and sends the church into mission in the world. The church is not a building, but rather, a congregation of people gathered and sent into the world by Jesus to be living signs of God's steadfast love for all people. We are one body the church, and amid the world's brokenness, the church is called to be God's transformative presence that overcomes barriers and divisions, proclaiming what God has done for us. In the season after Pentecost, we remember that God is steadfastly calling the church to be a voice of unity, compassion, justice and love. How is God calling you to use your gifts for Christ at St. Mark's? We have been clothed with Christ in baptism to welcome, care for, and love all people!

In the life of the Spirit,
Pastor Tim McKenzie
pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Welcome to New Members! (8:30 Service) Please take a moment to welcome Bonnie Eckerd and Jonathan Graham as they are received into membership at St. Mark's. May God bless them on their continued journey with Jesus Christ!



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

"Be Thou My Vision" ELW 793 This anonymous Irish hymn dates to the eighth century. It was translated in 1905 by Mary E Byrne (1880-1931) and then versed by Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935) published in *Poem-Book of the Gael* (London, 1912). This text is a personal prayer for the vision of God throughout life, as we acknowledge God to be "my light...my treasure...my power...Ruler of all." This hymn was first joined to the Irish folk tune **SLANE** in the *Irish Church Hymnal* (Dublin, 1919), named for the hill where Saint Patrick is supposed to have defied the king by lighting the new fire at the Easter Vigil.

"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 commitment and sending forth of Christ's disciples for a service of 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!'" God's mission and purpose is clearly stated, with each stanza telling the needs of the people and then the care God will provide. This hymn comes to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship from With One Voice* (1995). Schutte composed the tune **HERE I AM, LORD**. He has written over 150 hymns and Mass settings.

"All My Hope on God Is Founded" ELW 757 Written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680), a seventeenth-century pietistic German pastor and hymn writer, this hymn began as a five-stanza hymn intended to be sung as a "grace after meal". Based on I Timothy 6:17, this is a hymn of praise to the Creator and Sustainer of all creation: God, never-failing, constantly good, just, and caring. British composer Herbert Howells (1892-1983) wrote the tune **MICHAEL** for this hymn. It was named for Howell's son Michael, who died as a child.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

June 29, Peter and Paul, Apostles

On this day we remember two different apostles. One denied Christ and the other persecuted Christ and his church. They held differing early views of the church, and yet our understanding of the gospel is richer because of their different theological perspectives. However, they are united by the tradition that says they were martyred together on this date in 67 or 68 AD. For us they are also united in their common confession of Christ Jesus, which is the foundation of the "one holy catholic and apostolic church" that we confess.

July 1, John Mason Neale (1818-1866); Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); hymn translators

Neale was an English priest associated with the movement for church renewal at Cambridge. Winkworth lived most of her life in Manchester, where she was involved in promoting women's rights. These two hymn writers translated many hymn texts into English. Catherine Winkworth devoted herself to the translation of German hymns, nineteen of which are included in the ELW; the fourteen hymn translations of John Mason Neale, included in the ELW, represent his specialization in ancient Latin and Greek hymns.

July 3, Thomas, Apostle

Thomas is perhaps best remembered as "Doubting Thomas," yet Thomas was also fiercely loyal to Jesus, saying, "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). Thomas is also a model for us of the movement from doubt to faith in the Gospel of John. His bold confession, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28), occurs after Easter, again modeling for us what means as people of faith to live into our confession of Christ. The ancient tradition of the church is that Thomas traveled to India with the gospel establishing a Christian tradition there that has flourished from antiquity to the present.

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Bottled Water Appeal

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Marcia Newlin, Andres Puky, Diane Thornton, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marylin 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 (pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org)

Readings for 7/6/2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost/ Lectionary 14

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-9

Galatians 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Birthdays

7/1 Lynda Walters

7/2 Cara Clausen

7/2 Shirley Larson

7/5 Rochelle Dagenhart

7/5 Susan League



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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