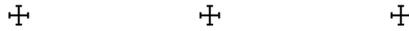




ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



JUNE 8, 2025

DAY OF PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate who abides with and leads us. Poured out in the power of wind and fire through the word and the sacraments of water, bread and wine, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the freedom of God's grace and the saving power of Christ's love with all the world.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

“Rigaudon” (17th century French Provençal dance)

Andre Campra

Setting for handbells by Martha Lynn Thompson

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

Processional Hymn

“O Day Full of Grace” ELW 627

DEN SIGNEDE DAG

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt. © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842

1. O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from God that we may be abundant in joy this season.
God, shine for us in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.
2. O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;
for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and despair removing.
3. For Christ bore our sins and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;
and then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.
4. God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling.
This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.
5. When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
we'll gather in song, our hearts a-glow, all joy of the heavens sharing,
and there we will join God's endless praise, with angels and saints adoring.

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.

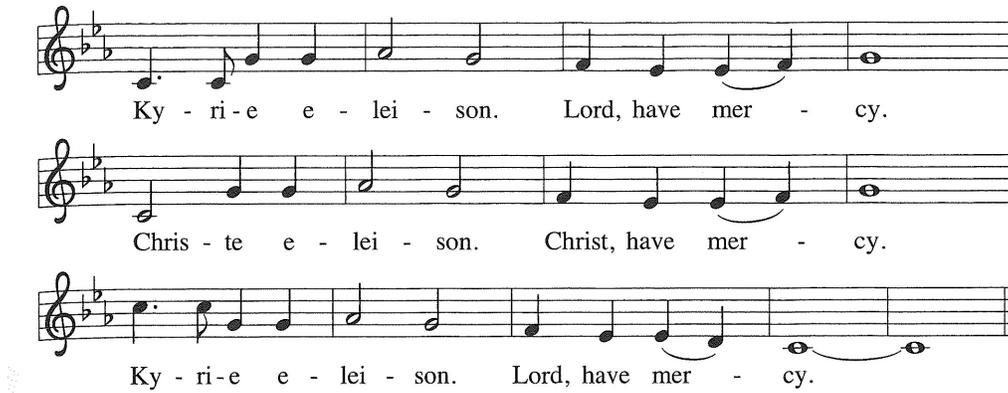
And also with you.

Please stand as able.

Kyrie

“Kyrie eleison” from *All Creation Sings*

Holy Communion Setting Twelve



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Music Interlude

“Meditation on ‘Beautiful Savior’”

Silesian folk tune

Setting for handbells by Cathy Moklebust

WORD

See insert for Acts 2:1-21 in different languages.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 104:25-34

Jack Richardson, Taylor McNamara, cantors

Psalm 104 (Mark Mummert) from Psalm Setting for the Church Year: Revised Common Lectionary © 2008 Augsburg Fortress



Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man-ly to number, living things both small and great. ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it. ²⁷All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. R ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. ²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. ³¹May the glory of the LORD en-

dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R ³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke. ³³I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being. ³⁴May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD.

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Cindy Little, lector

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

John 14:8-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“The Spirit abides in you”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day “As the Wind Song” ACS 943 from All Creation Sings

WAIKURAU TAPU

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.; Music: African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .

storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come

blown bring - ing life, bring - ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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

Tom Tolbert, prayer assistant

The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

聖霊よ、世界中のあらゆる場所で、あらゆる言語で教会の宣教のために祈ります。真理の御霊によって私たちを導き、言葉と行いによって、イエスの愛と歓迎の福音をすべての人々に伝えることができますように。私たちの心をあなたに開き、私たちが築いてきた疎遠と分離の多くの障害や障壁を取り除くための癒やしの言葉とそれを行う意志を与えてください。すべての人々があなたの愛を知ることができますように。 Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(English translation: Holy Spirit, we pray for the church's mission in every place and language of the world. Guide us with the Spirit of truth so that in word and deed we might share Jesus' gospel of love and welcome with all people. Open our hearts to you and give us words and the will to remove the many obstacles and barriers we have built which alienate and separate us, so that all people may know your love.)

Triune God, you know our needs before we become aware of them. You faithfully provide for us on this Earth—even when we allow greed, neglect, or ignorance to corrupt its bounty. Enliven our hearts through the counsel of your Holy Spirit to nurture this planet and to love all people with whom we share time and space. Incline our wills to share resources peacefully and generously with those who need adequate food, safe and comfortable lodging, a gentle touch, a kind word, and assurance that they are valued and under your divine providence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Father God, we long for peace, yet feel powerless to stop conflicts that indiscriminately claim military and civilian lives, and destroy social fabric and infrastructure. Help us resist acquiescing to those who profit from violence, destruction, injury, and death. Guide us away from complicity with those who sow discord and use force, fear, and alienation to divide people. Give us ways to welcome those who differ by race, creed, political ambition, and personal expression. Help us and all people to find and follow leaders who value the lives of all people, and redirect us from supporting the apparatus of war and conflict. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Comforter, we pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit. Lift up all who have been brought low by addiction, circumstance, or strife, and bless and hold our extended church family in your loving embrace: Marcia Newlin, Bill Stevenson, Andres Puky, Diane Thornton, Susan Ginns, 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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy Spirit, Jesus sent your indwelling presence to guide our every thought, word, and action as we traverse paths through disappointments, despair, hunger, disease, wandering, imprisonment, and warfare. Be with us continually. Inspire us to discern your call to service, just like those believers who heard and readily understood your voice on the first Day of Pentecost. Strengthen us to resist weariness as we answer your call. Awaken in us insight and willingness to respond to your every word of inspiration, so that our deeds benefit others and reveal your divine glory to all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of Hosts, we offer our thanks that you hear and save all who call out to you in every language. Bless us, that like the saints of every time and place, we may also call upon and look to you for the promise of eternal life in your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

French Plainsong ADORO TE DEVOTE
Setting for choir and organ by K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, My Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell in me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would might be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would b like thee!

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” ELW 398 Stanzas 1 & 2

SONG 13

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892; Music: Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

1. Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev'ry high desire; purge me with your holy fire.

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.
 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

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

"Variations on 'O Holy Spirit, Root of Life'" 15th century tune PUER NOBIS Organ settings by Michael Burkhardt

Communion Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" ELW 399

PUER NOBIS

Text : Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Binger, 1098-1179 © 1991 Jean Janzen, admin. Augsburg Fortress
Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621; arr. hymnal version © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, - en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove. be - low. and through the world.

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

主があなたを祝福し、あなたを守られるように。

主がみ顔をもってあなたを照らし、あなたに恵みを与えられるように。

主がみ顔をあなたに向け、あなたに平安を賜わるように。

And the congregation says, **Amen.**

(English translation: 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.)

Recessional Hymn

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” ELW 400

CWM RHONDDA

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923, © 2000 GIA Publications; Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

1. God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!
2. God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!
3. God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!
4. God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work,
claim us for your kingdom's work!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Postlude

“Interpretation on ‘O Holy Spirit, Root of Life’”

Tune PUER NOBIS; Organ setting by David Cherwien



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayers assistant: Tom Tolbert; crucifer/acolyte: Andrew Puky; Holy Spirit kite: Riley Smith; banner bearer: Palmer Stevenson; lector: Cindy Little; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Bob Chernet; ushers: Doug Milheim, Marc Ginns, Susan Ginns, Eddie Goodall, Sean Fielding; greeters: Dave & Eileen Dunlap, Charles & Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Barbara Baker, Karen & Kevin Feezor, A.J. Pridgen, John Simon; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Karen Feezor, Janice Miller; musicians: St. Mark's Summer Choir; St. Mark's Handbells; Jack Richardson, Taylor McNamara, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Youth; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Andrea Long; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: Neil Dixon; ushers: Team B; 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



Parish News

From the pastor -

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:4)

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

Christ, we might welcome all people in their diversity for Christ!

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

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers Today are given in loving memory of Pastor Carl by his wife, Barbara McKenzie.

Blessed Pentecost! Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who continues to gather the church, who comforts, advocates and leads us to overcome the boundaries of language and culture, as we share God's love for the world.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Men's Group invites all the men of the congregation to join us on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship. We will also prepare and

deliver lunch for Hospitality House.

Angels in the Architecture Concert 6/15, 4 pm

Under Paris Skies: 500 Years of Music in Paris This performance takes you on a journey through the streets and courts of the City of Love, exploring centuries of music and poetry—from the melodies of the trouvères to the splendor of Louis XIV's court. Experience an enchanting array of timbres, featuring recorders, violas da gamba, vielle, gothic harp, and voice, designed to transport you on a timeless voyage bound only by the beauty of Paris. Free concert. Donations welcome.

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-cruste 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



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

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" ELW 400 This relatively new Pentecost hymn was first published in 2000 in a collection entitled *Awake Our Hearts to Praise!* The author is Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) a professor of preaching at Gettysburg Seminary, where he eventually became Dean for five years, and then President of the college for thirteen years. Dr. Paul Westermeyer says of this hymn: "a whole series of images and attributes of the spirit are called out--in this case not the gentle ones, but powerful ones of tempest and whirlwind, blazing and burning, earthquake and thunder, and passion without sleep. The petitions are equally powerful: drive us to costly service, let your flaming Spirit surge and kindle truth against the deceit of injustice, break the chains of sin and walls that divide, and stir in us a restlessness that is not content with evil. Strong stuff!" The Welsh tune **CWM RHONDDA** (Rhondda Valley) is paired nicely with this text, as well as two additional hymns in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, #618, "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer", and #705, "God of Grace and God of Glory".

"As the Windsong" ACS 943 Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020) is the author of this hymn from *All Creation Sings* (Augsburg Fortress, 2020). She was born in New Zealand and holds degrees from universities in New Zealand and England. Her hymns are found in more than 140 hymn collections from around the world in European and Asian translations. Murray writes: "This engaging tune was sent to me without a theme by composer friend Swee Hong Lim (b. 1963) of Singapore. Its lyricism gave a feeling of the movement of the Spirit, both gentle and powerful. The tune, which I was asked to suggest a name for, **WAIKUA TAPU**, Māori for Holy Spirit." The spirit of God is expressed as wind stirring trees, a rainbow after rain, the green of spring, wine at the feast, warming the heart, seem but not heard, the dance of a new life.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

June 9, Columba, (521-597); Aidan of Lindisfarne (c.590-651); Bede (c.673-735); renewers of the church

These three monks from the British Isles were pillars among those who kept alive the light of Christ in learning and devotion during the Middle Ages. Columba was an Irish abbot who established a monastery on the island of Iona, off the coast of Scotland, where he lived for thirty-four years. From there he evangelized the mainland and established monasteries on neighboring islands. Iona was left in ruins after the Reformation but today is home to an ecumenical religious community. Aidan was a monk of Iona, and bishop of Lindisfarne. Aidan helped bring Christianity to the Northumbria area of England. His asceticism and gentleness won rapid success for his mission, stirring people to charity and good works. Bede was a biblical scholar and historian. He wrote the *Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation*

(completed 731), which is considered one of the most important early Anglo-Saxon works. Though Bede did not invent the term, his use of *Anno Domini* (A.D. "year of our Lord") in the work, *De Temporal Ratione* (*The Reckoning of Time*) was significant in helping establish the date for Easter, along dating with early Christian history. Bede's use of "A.D." is one of the main reasons it became widely adopted. Bede is also known for his hymns, including "A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing!" (ELW 393).

June 11, Barnabas, Apostle

The Eastern church commemorates Barnabas as one of the Seventy commissioned by Jesus. Though he was not among the Twelve mentioned in the gospels, the book of Acts (14:14) gives him the title of apostle, and reports that he came from Cyprus (4:36). His name means "son of encouragement." When Paul came to Jerusalem after his conversion, Barnabas took him in, over the fears of the other apostles, who doubted Paul's discipleship. Barnabas and Paul worked in Antioch, and traveled together in mission. At the Council of Jerusalem (c. 50), Barnabas defended the claims of Gentile Christians in relation to the Mosaic law.

June 14, Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea (330-379); Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (c.335-c.395); Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople (329-390); Macrina, teacher (c.327-29-380)

The first three persons in this group are known as the Cappadocian fathers; all three made contributions to formulating the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Basil was influenced by his sister Macrina to live a monastic life, and his Longer Rule and Shorter Rule for monastic life are the basis for Eastern monasticism to this day, expressing a preference for communal monastic life over that of the hermits. Basil pioneered lasting language about the nature of the Holy Trinity as "one substance, three persons." Gregory of Nazianzus was sent to preach on behalf of the Nicene faith against Arians in Constantinople, and defended orthodox trinitarian and Christological doctrine, winning over the city with his preaching. He insisted that the Holy Spirit was God, and that Christ was fully human and divine. He championed the idea of *theosis*, that the Son became human so that humans could become divine. Gregory of Nyssa was the younger brother of Basil the Great. He is remembered as a writer on spiritual life and the contemplation of God in worship and the sacraments. He affirmed the full divinity and the full humanity of Christ, and refuted the Neoplatonist idea of the preexistence of souls. Macrina was the older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa. Her life is known to us mainly by the biography written about her by her brother Gregory. She received an excellent education centered on the Bible, and when her fiancé died, she devoted herself to Christian monastic life. She was a leader of community, based at the family estate in Pontus, dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer. Macrina's teaching on the resurrection is known through Gregory's dialogue *On the Soul and the Resurrection*. Her thought was influential within the early church.

Adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*



St. Mark's Prayer List

Marcia Newlin, Bill Stevenson, Andres Puky, Diane Thornton, Susan Ginns, 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
(pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org)

Readings for 6/15/2025
The Holy Trinity / First Sunday
after Pentecost
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Birthdays
6/10 Janice Miller
6/14 Samuel Parrish
6/14 Seth Parrish



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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