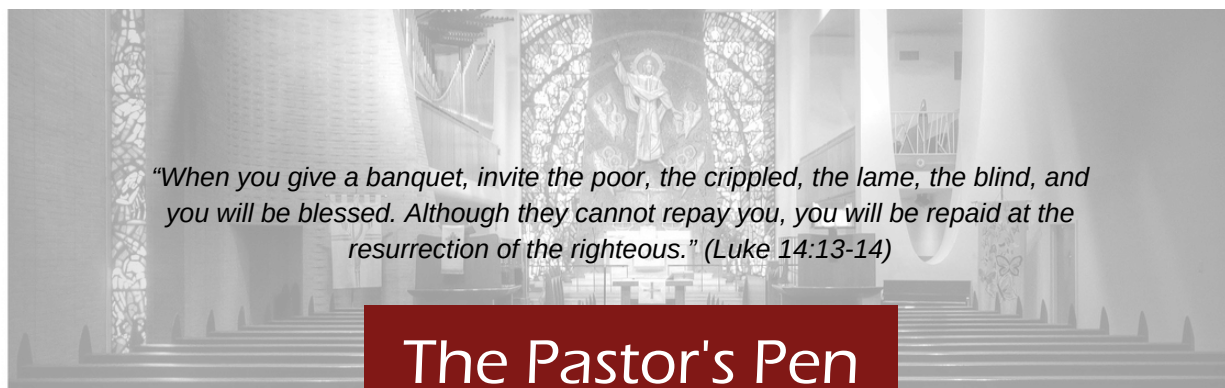


ReMarks

August 2025

St. Mark's Lutheran Church



Dear Friends in Christ,

Luke 14 has been called "the table talks" because Jesus is concerned about how we use our tables and who we invite to them. In Luke 14 Jesus makes our response to God's grace the center of discipleship to him, urging us to share with those who have no way of repaying us.

If we are honest, all that we possess is a gift from God, often received through the hands of others. Though we each work hard, the gifts of life, time, and ability are gifts we have very little to do with. We either use them or do not use them; we either share them or do not share them with others.

Jesus is describing a world based upon reciprocal transactions – a world where some expect to profit from their generosity to others. People and even nations continue to set conditions upon "gifts" that ensure themselves a profit from those in need.

Yet the generosity Jesus describes is completely different. It is founded on a humility that understands generosity as compassion and mercy to others. Jesus calls us blessed when we help those who cannot repay us: when we feed the poor, welcome the vulnerable, and help those in distress. For Jesus, the sharing of possessions is a sign of discipleship.

Perhaps you know the feeling of having been helped by someone yet can never fully repay their generosity. At times, I think we are losing sight of such generosity – a generosity that lifts and helps others. The greatness of individuals and nations is always demonstrated through such generosity, through the humility of self-giving service to others in need.

This month I invite you to learn more about Bread for the World, an organization helping churches to advocate with our leaders to generously share the gifts of tables, food and resources for the poor and hungry who cannot repay us. Jesus Christ says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). Jesus feeds you so that you might feed others.

In the fellowship of the gospel, Pastor Timothy McKenzie

July Council Highlights

Summary of St. Mark's Lutheran Congregation Council Meeting – July 14, 2025

The meeting, called to order by Chris Stevenson at 7:06 PM with full attendance of the council, included a devotion by Palmer Stevenson. The June minutes were approved with minor corrections. Treasurer Andrea Long reported that while June contributions fell short, expenses remained under budget. Bank interest yields were discussed, and clarification was made regarding account types. Committee budget drafts are due by August 18.

Pastor Tim McKenzie highlighted a letter from Bishop Smith on refugee resettlement, calling for support amid federal funding cuts. Brooks Stevenson outlined refugee support tasks. Pastor Tim also noted congregational events, including honoring Gabe Slesinger for his contributions to St. Mark's prior to his departure to Finland where he will be 1st Chair in one of the oldest Orchestras in Europe. Pastor McKenzie also visited Shirley Larson who is the oldest living member of St. Marks. Pastor also mentioned the planned rededication of the Columbarium on All Saints Sunday, 11/2. A congratulatory card will be displayed and signed for incoming Bishop Emily Hartner who started her career at St. Mark's.

The Property Committee discussed beautifying the front lawn instead of reinstalling a purchased fence. The church will continue parking partnerships with Ronald McDonald House and Duke Mansion. The discussions also included possible upcoming asbestos remediation in Fellowship Hall.

Chris Stevenson emphasized council succession planning, requesting nominations by August 1, and announced the Annual Congregation Meeting for October 26. The council thanked Palmer Stevenson for his contributions as youth liaison and member of the council. The council will recess in August unless needed. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Tom Puky
Council Secretary

Welcome Bishop Emily Hartner!



The Rev. Emily Hartner was elected Bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA on May 31, 2025 at the Synod Assembly held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. She assumes the Office of Bishop on August 1, 2025.

Though Pastor Emily is well-known to St. Mark's as Associate Pastor (2010-2017), she has many other accomplishments and experiences. She is a graduate of Davidson College (Psychology and French, 2003), Yale Divinity School (M.Div. 2007), and Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (Master of Sacred Theology, 2012). She has served on the ELCA Church Council, 2019-2025; the NC Synod Council, 2013-2019; the NC Synod Discipline Committee, 2019-present; and was Dean of the

Mecklenburg/Union Conference of the NC Synod, 2021-2025. Since leaving St. Mark's, Pastor Hartner served as the Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Charlotte.

Bishop Emily Hartner will be installed as Bishop on November 15, 2025 (2 pm) at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte. Please remember Bishop Hartner as she begins her work, shepherding the churches and ministries of our synod. — Pastor Tim McKenzie

Around St. Mark's

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:16)

St. Mark's Scholarship Awards

The St. Mark's Endowment Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the Nola Beatrice Blackwelder leadership scholarships for the 2025/2026 school year. This scholarship was established in 1990 through a bequest from the estate of Nola Beatrice Blackwelder, a long-time member of St. Mark's who passed away in 1989. Part of the instructions in her bequest was to establish a scholarship for Mecklenburg County Lutherans, particularly St. Mark's members, who attend Lutheran seminaries or attend Lutheran colleges and are considering a church vocation of some sort. Over the years, the Blackwelder scholarship fund has grown to over \$400,000 in principal value and has awarded tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships.

The following St. Mark's members were awarded \$5000 each for the 2025/2026 school year:

Jonathan Lakeman Rising Senior, Lenoir Rhyne University - Religious Studies/Philosophy
Sophie Schwartz MA Program, Lenoir Rhyne University MA - Clinical Mental Health
Ally Jacob Second year Seminarian, Luther Seminary - Master of Divinity

Congratulations to Jonathan, Sophie and Ally! St. Mark's is proud of your accomplishments and we look forward to you pursuing successful careers in your chosen discipline.



Did You Know?

Did you know that St. Mark's is blessed to have two educational scholarship funds available to St. Mark's members?

The Nola Beatrice Blackwelder Scholarship was endowed in 1990 via a bequest from the estate of Nola B. Blackwelder for Mecklenburg County Lutherans, particularly St. Mark's members who attend Lutheran Seminaries or Colleges and are considering a church vocation of some sort (see 2025/2026 school year awards elsewhere in this edition of ReMarks).

In 2024, the Charles M Cox Scholarship Fund was endowed with a generous gift from Benny and Judy Cox. This scholarship is in memory and honor of Benny and Judy's son, Charles, who passed away in 2023. Scholarship awards from this fund are for the benefit of St. Mark's members who attend Lenoir-Rhyne University. The St. Mark's Endowment Committee intends to start making awards available from this fund in the 2026/2027 school year.

You can make designated gifts at any time towards these scholarship endowments or any St. Mark's endowment. There are two music endowments along with a general endowment and gifts are added to the principal ensuring a legacy through the growth of these endowments. Contact Pastor Tim or Jay Jacob regarding the scholarship or general endowments and Les Ackerman regarding the two music endowments.

Around St. Mark's

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New Members, June 29



Jonathan Graham and Bonnie Eckerd were welcomed into membership on Sunday June 29 at the 8:30 service. May God bless Jonathan and Bonnie as they seek to follow and serve Jesus Christ!

New Partner



Ronald McDonald House Charities®
Greater Charlotte

The relationship of St. Mark's and Ronald McDonald House goes back to 2010-11. While the RMH building was under construction, early meetings were held at St. Mark's in 2011, and many members and circles have continued to be active with RMH over the years. St. Mark's Visible Partnerships Committee has renewed our relationship with this important Charlotte organization.

Baptism of Michael Lepkowski and daughter Finley Hope, Sunday, July 6th



On July 6 at the 10:30 service we welcomed the Lepkowski family in to membership. Michael and daughter, Finley were baptized, and mother, Rebecca was received as a confirmed member. Pictured here holding Finley is her sponsor Kate Zumas. May God bless and strengthen the Lepkowski family in the bonds of Jesus' love.



Coming Up at St. Mark's

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:16)

Bread for the World Advocacy



The poster features the Bread for the World logo at the top center, with the text "OFFERING of LETTERS" to its right. On the left, there is a small image of a loaf of bread and the text "Advocacy for a Hunger-Free World". The main text reads: "We can end hunger in our time. Churches, charities, food banks, and nonprofit organizations can't solve hunger alone. As people of faith, we are called to give of our time, talent, and treasure for a greater purpose. Bread for the World invites you to use your voice to help end hunger. Policy change can do much more than charity can." On the right side, there is a circular graphic with a portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. and the text: "Overcoming poverty is not a task of charity, it is an act of justice." and "Proverbs 31:31a NIV".

Jason Blanton of Bread for the World will speak at St. Mark's on 8/24 and lead a discussion at the 9:30 am Faith Forum in the Large Conference Room.

18 million U.S. households experienced food insecurity in 2023. As Christians, we are called to seek justice and to care for those experiencing hunger and poverty, and at St. Mark's we have a long history of loving and serving those in need through ministries such as Room in the Inn, Loaves and Fishes, Habitat for Humanity and our Soup Kitchen. Another tool we can use is the power of our voices in advocating to legislators in support of policies that serve the most vulnerable.

Bread for the World (BFW or Bread) is a non-partisan, ecumenical Christian organization that has been advocating in Congress for 50 years to end hunger and poverty both here in the US and overseas. Each year, Bread's Offering of Letters (OL) campaign engages people of faith in writing personalized letters to Congress on issues related to hunger. In churches across the country, these letters are presented as an offering to God before being mailed to Congress. Combined, these OLs result in tens of thousands of letters which, over the years, have helped inspire our leaders in Washington, D.C. to pass legislation that has impacted millions of people.

Earlier this year, St. Mark's Council approved a team to organize our first Offering of Letters in support of maintaining funding for critical programs for hungry people. In the coming weeks, we will hold educational sessions to introduce BFW, explore the biblical basis for advocacy, and learn about the specific issues related to hunger and poverty in front of Congress this year. We will conclude with an event providing opportunities to write letters to our Representatives and Senators who have the power to impact funding decisions.

Let me be clear: the Offering of Letters does not require St. Mark's to adopt any political positions in support of specific policies. It is, instead, an opportunity for the people of St. Mark's to learn about and use another tool of ministry – the power of advocacy – that we can use to support those in need. Please pray for this new ministry and how you may be called to participate.

Charles Lakeman, for St. Mark's Bread for the World Advocacy Team

Coming Up at St. Mark's

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North Carolina Baroque Orchestra



American Guild of Organists Recital



Please join us for these two musical offerings. All are welcome - Admission is free.



Charlotte Area Lutheran Men Chicken & Corn Roast



All Lutheran Men and their sons / grandsons are welcome!

Congregational Life

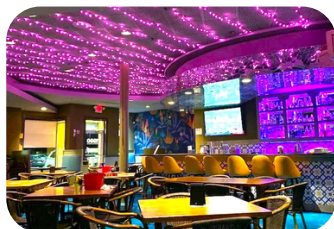
Kay Sehorn Committee Chairperson

Ethnic Restaurant Group

The Ethnic Restaurant Group will dine at 1900 Mexican Restaurant on August 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM. 1900 Mexican is located at 5110 Park Rd, Charlotte NC 28209 (in Harris-Teeter plaza near intersection of Selwyn Rd and Park Rd.

1900 Mexican prides itself on offering the flavors unique to Mexico City. The décor is bright and upbeat. The flavors are fresh and varied among the menu entries. A pleasant and tasty meal is guaranteed. A complete bar is available, with the “largest variety of mezcal in Metrolina”. Start with a guacamole made to order and proceed through entrées that delight taste buds. This dinner has something that can please everyone. We hope that you will join the fun!

All are welcome! RSVP to Tom & Judy Tolbert to assure seating.



St. Mark's Book Study Group



The St. Mark's Book Study Group will next meet on Thursday, August 28, at 10 am in the large conference room and via Zoom. All are welcome to join us in discussing *Death at La Fenice* by Donna Leon. During intermission at the famed La Fenice opera house in Venice, Italy, a notoriously difficult and widely disliked German conductor succumbs to cyanide poisoning—and suspects abound. Commissario Guido Brunetti, a native Venetian, sets out to unravel the mystery behind the high-profile murder. To do so, he calls on his knowledge of Venice, its culture, and its dirty politics. Along the way, he finds the crime may have roots going back decades—and that revenge, corruption, and even Italian cuisine may play a role.

For more information, please contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert.

Congregational Life

SAINT MARK'S MEN'S GROUP



Monthly meetings the second
Saturday at 9:00 am in the
Fellowship Hall.

Join us Saturday, 8/9.

All the men of St. Mark's are invited!

- Kenilworth / Scott Avenue Clean
Up to follow.



St. Mark's Library Corner

JAROSLAV PELIKAN

JESUS THROUGH THE CENTURIES

His Place in the History of Culture

Jesus Through the Centuries (1985, Yale). Jaroslav Pelikan (1923-2006) was a Lutheran / Orthodox theologian, raised in Chicago in the Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church. Graduating from Concordia Seminary (St. Louis), Pelikan earned a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, teaching at Yale his entire career. Pelikan's own spiritual journey led him from the LCMS, to the LCA and ELCA, and finally to membership in the Orthodox Church in America. Published widely, his many works include *The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine* (5 Vols.); *Christianity and Classical Culture* (Gifford Lectures, 1993); *Mary Through the Centuries* (1996); *Credo* (Yale, 2003); *Whose Bible Is It?* (2005). Pelikan's writings, like his life,

were ecumenical — a search of understanding about the Christian tradition, its doctrines and worship. *Jesus Through the Centuries* is an exploration of the many different understandings of Christ over a two thousand year period. This book opens us to seeing the many dimensions of Jesus as the world has seen him — all of them true and illuminating. (Pastor McKenzie)

Family Ministry

THEOLOGY ON TAP



Theology on Tap will
meet 8/21 at 7pm at
Brewers at Yancey
located at 4001 Yancey
Rd.

Everyone is welcome!



Pictured: TOT at Custom Home Pubs 7.17.25

Gifts & Memorials

Jay Jacob Committee Chairperson

In Memory of Bill Stevenson

Millie Cansler - Columbarium

In Memory of Daniel Holecyc

Elaine Randles - Columbarium

In Memory of Vurnice Goodhart Dixon

Patrick and Donna Dixon - Columbarium

Social Ministry

Susan Ginns Committee Chairperson

Summer Food Drive for Nourish Up

Please remember families and their children the next time you grocery shop. Especially "child friendly" items: canned pasta entrees, canned fruit, cereal, powdered milk, peanut butter and squeeze bottled jelly!

Non-perishable and non-glass

Thank you!

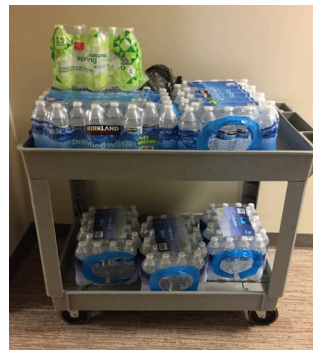


The 1st delivery of our Summer Food Drive was recently delivered to Nourish Up by Marc and Susan Ginns weighing 115 lbs. Thank you congregation, but please be aware the need continues for those families with school aged children no longer receiving free breakfast and lunches at school. This puts a tremendous strain on the family budget as well as on Nourish Up's budget.

Thank you from the Social Ministry Committee.



St. Mark's Soup Kitchen



On behalf of our neighbors and the volunteers at the soup kitchen, we want to thank all of you for donating bottled water. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Several neighbors have told us how much fresh drinking water has helped them, especially in the extreme heat.

Thank you!

Susan Lakeman, Soup Kitchen Coordinator

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

Worship Highlights



St. Mark's Choir, Sunday, July 6th



Jack Richardson, Taylor McNamara, cantors and 8:30 am song leaders, Sunday, July 6th



Andrea Long, Tom Puky, communion servers, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Andrew Puky, crucifer, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Karen Feezor, lector, Sunday, July 13th



John Brumbaugh, cellist, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Kate Suchanek, soprano soloist, Sunday, July 13th

Worship & Music

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Worship Highlights



Michael Thompson,
prayer assistant, Fifth
Sunday after Pentecost



Meg Fielding, lector,
Sunday, July 20th



Brady Ferner, crucifer, Sixth
Sunday after Pentecost



Charles Lakeman, Temple Talk, "Bread
for the World", Sunday, July 20th



Elizabeth (Bibba) Whitener, guest
organist, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Amy Woodall, Jack Richardson,
cantors and 8:30am song leaders



St. Mark's Choir, Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

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We Sing the Faith

Historical and Spiritual Insight Into the Hymns We Sing

Reflections by Lester Ackerman

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ELW 888

Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929) head of the English department at Wellesley College, MA, wrote this hymn in July 1893 during a trip to Pikes Peak, Colorado. She writes, "it was then and there, looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening line of the hymn floated into my mind." On the way to Colorado, she stopped at the Columbian World Exposition in Chicago, where the "white city" exhibition was the source for the words "alabaster cities" in the final stanza. Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903) organist at Grace Episcopal Church in New York City is the composer of the tune MATERNA. It was first paired with the hymn "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem" (1888), this text being the inspiration for the name MATERNA or 'motherly'. It wasn't until 1912 that Ward's tune was paired with Bates' hymn.

"As We Gather at Your Table" ELW 522

522 American Episcopal priest and hymnologist Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) wrote this hymn as part of a tricentennial celebration that commemorated the founding in 1689 of Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He describes the three stanzas this way. The first "calls attention to the two interrelated parts of the Eucharist, Word and Table, by intentionally mixing the language associated with each part." The second "is largely derived from the post-communion prayer of the Eucharist...The third and fourth lines are a reworking of the Dismissal: 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.'" The parable of the banquet in Matthew 22 and Luke 14 stands behind the third stanza. The final line of the hymn quotes the second stanza of Isaac Watt's hymn "Joy to the World" ELW 267, "repeat the sounding joy." Daw's hymn is wedded to the Dutch folk melody IN BABILONE, one of three pairings in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" ELW 582 & "Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW 655.

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" ELW 800

George Croly, (1780-1860) ordained in the Church of Ireland, spent the majority of his career serving congregations in the poorer sections of London. This is his most popular hymn, published after his death in *Lyra Britannica* (London, 1867). This hymn is based on Galatians 5:25 "If we live by the spirit, let us also be guided by the spirit." It is a personal prayer for God's Spirit to take over our life, purify it, and fill it with the pure love of angels. The symbolism of the dove and the flame for the Holy Spirit is used in the final stanza with these words: "The kindling of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame." The tune MORECAMBE was composed originally for "Abide with Me" ELW 629 by Frederick C. Atkinson (1841-1896), and is named for Morecambe, near Bradford, where Atkinson was organist at St. Luke's Church.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ELW 834

Scottish Pastor, Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) wrote this hymn in six stanzas and included it in his *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life* (London, 1867). The four stanzas included in our hymnal are based on I Timothy 1:17, "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever". Randy Stevens writes in his book *Be Still My Soul*, "In this hymn of pure praise, Smith acknowledges that at times, God seems hidden from us--inaccessible--not because of any lack of love on his part but rather because we are not capable of beholding his full glory. It is the splendor of light that hides him". In 1906 British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams was the first to pair this text to the eighteenth-century Welsh tune ST. DENIO. The tune title refers to St. Denis, the patron saint of France. ST. DENIO is based on a traditional Welsh ballad "A Hundred Years from Now" popular in the nineteenth century.

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

We Sing the Faith

Historical and Spiritual Insight Into the Hymns We Sing
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"Seek Ye First"

This popular hymn is not included in our Evangelical Lutheran Worship, but does appear in a number of supplemental collections, including *This Far by Faith* (Minneapolis, 1999). Karen Lafferty (b. 1948), an American composer, musician and recording artist, is the writer of the first stanza, as well as composer of the tune LAFFERTY. She is the founder and director of Musicians for Missions, an international ministry based in Amsterdam. *Seek Ye First* was written in 1971, inspired by a bible study on Matthew 6:33. She describes it as "a song in which people can put God's desire for their lives above their own." The second stanza is based on Matthew 7:7 and was included in *Songs for Celebration*, 1980.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742

was written in 1855 by Joseph Scriven (1819-1886) as a comfort for his sick mother. Joseph was born in Ireland but moved to Canada in 1844 at the age of twenty-five. The great American gospel hymn composer Ira Sankey (1840-1908) wrote of Scriven: Until a short time before his death, it was not known that he had a poetic gift. A neighbor sitting up with him in his illness, happened upon a manuscript copy of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Reading it with great delight and questioning Mr. Scriven about it, he said he composed it for his mother, to comfort her in a time of special sorrow, not intending that anyone else should see it. Sometime later, when another Port Hope, Ontario neighbor asked him if it was true he composed the hymn, his reply was "The Lord and I did it between us." The tune CONVERSE was paired with this hymn by Ira Sankey. Charles Converse (1832-1918) composed the tune and was first published in 1870 under the pseudonym Karl Reden, a German form of his name (reden = "to speak" or "converse").

Hymn Suggestions

August 3, 2025 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—Lectionary 18

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Hymns: ELW 835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High LASST UNS ERFREUEN

ACS 1004 Faith Begins by Letting Go RATISBON

ELW 884 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Offertory) OLD HUNDREDTH

ELW 515 Break Thou the Bread of Life (Communion) BREAD OF LIFE

ELW 449 We Know That Christ Is Raised ENGELBERG

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

Hymn Suggestions

August 10, 2025 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—Lectionary 19

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Hymns: "A Festival of Favorite Hymns of Our Faith" Today we will sing select verses of seventeen different hymns, incorporated into our service of worship. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100

August 17, 2025 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—Lectionary 20

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

Hymns: ELW 796 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

ACS 1084 God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

ELW 182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (Offertory) Hillert

ELW 537 On Our Way Rejoicing HERMAS

August 24, 2025 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—Lectionary 21

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Hymns: ELW 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

ELW 521 O Day of Rest and Gladness ELLACOMBE

ELW 466 In the Singing (stanza one) (Offertory) BREAD OF PEACE

ELW 607 Come, Ye Disconsolate (Communion) CONSOLATOR

ELW 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

August 31, 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Lectionary 22

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism, we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

Hymns: ELW 880 O God, Beyond All Praising THAXTED

ACS 1059 Come Now, You Blessed MATTHEW 25

ELW 466 In the Singing (stanza one) (Offertory) BREAD OF PEACE

ELW 769 If You But Trust in God to Guide You WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Worship & Music

Kevin Feezor Committee Chairperson

August Serving Schedule

Crucifer/Acolyte

8/3 C/A: Needed
8/10 C/A: Needed
8/17 C/A: Needed
8/24 C/A: Needed
8/31 C/A: Needed

Sound System

8/3 Bob Chernet
8/10 Kevin Feezor
8/17 Neil Dixon
8/24 Alan Harms
8/31 Kevin Feezor

Tabulators

8/3 Diane Thomas
Dawn Schwartz
8/10 Joe Barrett
Kevin Feezor
8/17 Janice Miller
Diane Thomas
8/24 Susan League
Charles Lakeman
8/31 Kevin Feezor
Meg Fielding
Dawn Schwartz

Ushers

Team A: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jay Jacob, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Bill Thompson, Michael Thompson

Prayer Assistants

8/3 Tom Tolbert
8/10 Larry Dagenhart, Jr.
8/17 Youth
8/24 Melissa Smith
8/31 Lisa Barnette

Lectors

8/3 Meg Fielding
8/10 Larry Lippert
8/17 Cindy Little
8/24 Marty Schwartz
8/31 Kay Finlon

Communion Helpers

8/3 Chris Miller
8/10 Kay Finlon
8/17 Karen Covington
8/24 Kay Finlon
8/31 Sandy Rach

Video Streaming

8/3 Charles Lakeman
8/10 A. J. Pridgen
8/17 A. J. Pridgen
8/24 Ron Wenzel
8/31 Ron Wenzel

Greeters

8/3 Charles & Susan Lakeman
Neil & Charlotte Dixon
8/10 Ted Seman, David Thomason
Tom & Kay Sehorn
8/17 Gretchen Dodge
Michael & Tara Thompson
8/24 Jackie Ellington
Evelyn Gerdes
8/31 Eddie & Carol Goodall
Patrick & Rebecca Huang

Communion Assistants

8/3 Lisa Barnette, Jay Jacob
Susan & Michael Lakeman
A. J. Pridgen
8/10 Cliff Edahl, Rebecca Huang
Kevin & Karen Feezor
John Simon
8/17 Virginia Molan, Tom Puky
Palmer Stevenson, Betsy Wenzel
Kimberly Zimmerman
8/24 Lisa Barnette, Jay Jacob
Charles & Susan Lakeman
Tom Puky
8/31 Barbara Baker, Rebecca Huang
Charles Lakeman, Virginia Molan
Tom Puky

August Birthdays

8/1 Helen Howard
8/2 Dominic Andujar
8/2 Larry Dagenhart, Jr.
8/2 Gennie Stevenson
8/3 David Wyatt
8/3 Matthew Iannelli
8/4 Alex Lippert
8/4 Andrew Dixon
8/4 Marcia Newlin

8/6 Laura Wenzel
8/11 John Simon, Jr.
8/13 Les Ackerman
8/14 Kim Wall
8/14 Eileen Dunlap
8/16 Mary Anna Summer
8/16 Kay Finlon
8/17 Carlene Schock

8/18 Heidi Holzinger
8/19 Vera Otterstadt
8/22 Doug Milheim
8/23 Barbara Mobley
8/27 Matt Hurley
8/27 Karl Sawyer
8/29 Kimberly Zimmerman
8/31 Cathy Ritchie

Summer at St. Mark's

MUSIC AT ST. MARK'S

SUMMER



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 3 – 10:30 AM
GABRIEL SLESINGER, TRUMPET

NC BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
FRIDAY AUGUST 8
7 PM



HYMN SING!
SUNDAY AUGUST 10
10:30 AM SERVICE

CAMP SUNDAY!
SUNDAY AUGUST 17
10:30 AM SERVICE



AGO RECITAL
SUNDAY AUGUST 17 – 4 PM
LES ACKERMAN, ORGAN
ALEX WILLBORN & JON KAPLAN, TRUMPET