



MARK'S

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/LECTIONARY 25

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus Christ "himself" human, gave himself a ransom for all." He did not seek his own power, profit or glory, but rather became a servant of all to show us what faithful leadership and servanthood look like. Jesus embodied God's love for the poor and needy, and as Jesus was lifted onto the cross, he also lifts us with himself, mediating between God and humankind. Amid life's temptations and challenges, may we seek to be faithful in all things entrusted to us, because by God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

"Variations on 'Son of God, Eternal Savior'"

Traditional Dutch Melody; Setting for organ by Sandra Gay

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

Processional Hymn

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW 655

IN BABILONE

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932; Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
2. As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
4. Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

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,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, 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.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
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

“O Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us” from *All Creation Sings*

Holy Communion Setting Eleven
Jack Richardson, cantor



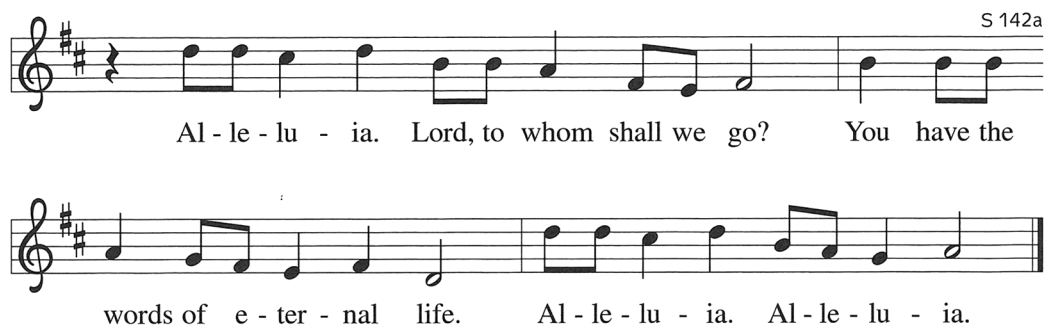
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

All

Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

Please stand as able.

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” from Holy Communion Setting Three



The Holy Gospel **Luke 16:1-13**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“Faithfulness in all things”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day “Let Streams of Living Justice” ELW 710

THAXTED

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934 © 1989 William Whitla; Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

1. Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom’s light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry’s hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,

the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

2. For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.
3. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;

your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way-the path untried;
your truth-the heart of stranger; your life-the Crucified.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession

Tom Puky, prayer assistant

The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, you lift the poor from emptiness and call your church to proclaim Christ who gave himself as a ransom for all. Strengthen St. Mark's and the whole body of Christ to be faithful stewards of your gospel. Grant us empathy and the courage to proclaim the good news, wisdom to discern your will, and joy in serving our community. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Almighty Creator, we give you thanks for sustaining all life, and ask that you would help us to put an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, so that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts. May our stewardship of creation be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of justice, you despise those who trample the poor and exploit the vulnerable. Pour out your Spirit upon the leaders of nations and all in authority. Grant them humanity and strength to seek, peace, equity, unity and mercy rather than selfishness, power or wealth. Make these leaders instruments of your justice and wisdom so that all people may live under the richness of your love. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate Lord, you lift the needy from the ash heap and seat them with princes. Bring healing, hope, and strength to those who are sick, grieving, or weighed down with burdens of body, mind, or spirit. Surround the sick and destitute with caregivers, nurses, and doctors with your wisdom and care so that by serving them they are serving you, our Lord. We also ask that you would surround our church family with your strength and healing, especially: Patsy Ginns, Tom Tolbert, Dr. Samuel Davis, Bill Penrod, Bob Roach, Payton McAdams, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Andres Puky, Diane Thornton, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Gene Ellington, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa and Oakley Coburn, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of love, bless St. Mark's ministries of compassion and justice: the Soup Kitchen, Room in the Inn, Kairos Prison Ministry, the Food Pantry and Social Ministry, and continue to motivate us to prioritize the needs of the poor, the hungry, and the stranger our community, nation, and the world, sharing our resources generously through these ministries. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Everlasting Father, we praise you that Christ prepares a place for us at the table in your kingdom. We offer you thanks for the life and witness of Sean Edward Fielding. Welcome Sean into the blessedness of your eternal kingdom and may he share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Strengthen and comfort the extended Fielding family with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
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 "O Bread of Life from Heaven" David Ashley White

*O Bread of life from heaven, to saints and angels given; O Manna from above!
The souls that hunger, feed thou, the hearts that seek thee, lead thou, with thy sweet, tender love.*

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” ELW 686 stanzas 1 & 2

HEATH

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lunda*, 1850

1. We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff also ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

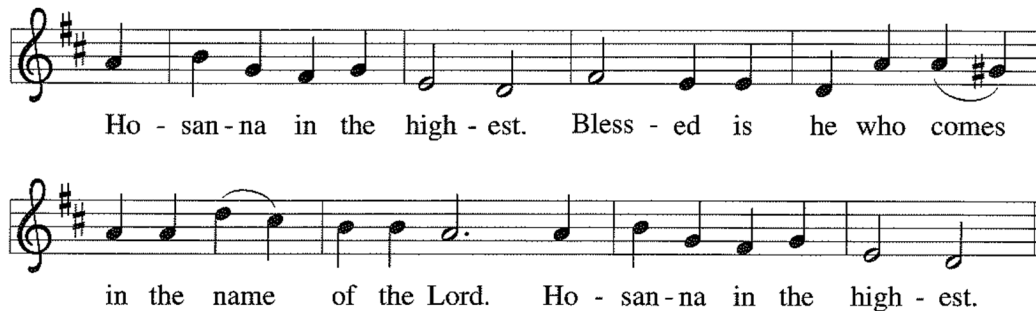
“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

Holy Communion Setting Four

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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff ends with a double bar line.



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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

Please be seated.

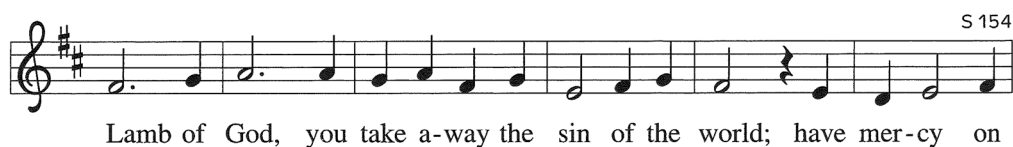
Distribution of Holy Communion

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 Music

"O Lamb of God"

Holy Communion Setting Four





“Trio on ‘As Saints of Old’”

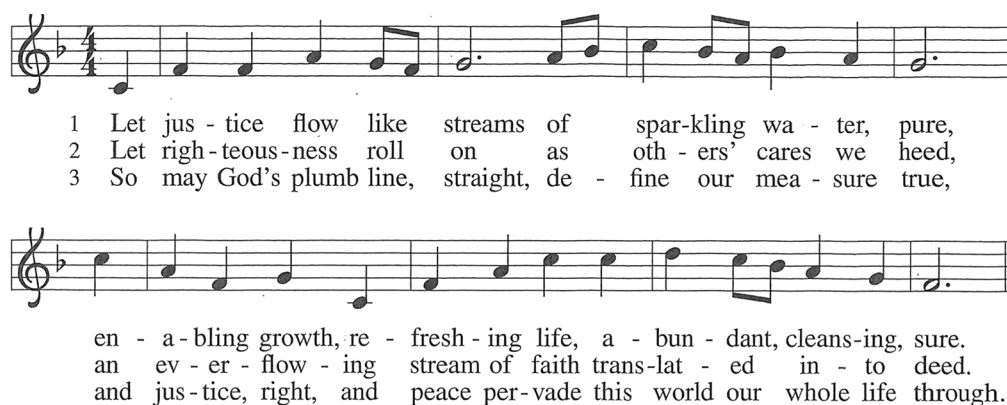
English folk tune FOREST GREEN
Setting for organ by Roy Brunner

Communion Hymn

“Let Justice Flow like Streams” ELW 717

ST. THOMAS

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926, ©1984 Jane Parker Huber, admin. Westminster John Knox Press; Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776



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. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

SENDING BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“As Saints of Old” ELW 695

FOREST GREEN

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1900-1996, slt. © 1961, ren. 1989 The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Co;
Music: English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 Arr. © Oxford University Press

1. As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
2. A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
3. In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Worship has ended. You are free to depart or you may remain for the postlude.

Postlude

“Brightly” from Variations of ‘Son of God, Eternal Savior’

Traditional Dürck melody
Setting for organ by Sandra Gay



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Tom Puky; crucifer/acolyte: Andrew Puky; lector: Andrea Long; live streaming camera: Joe Barrett; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Doug Milheim, Marc Ginns, Susan Ginns, Eddie Goodall; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Michael & Tara Thompson; communion assistants: Lisa Barnette, Jay Jacob, Virginia Molan, A.J. Pridgen, Nick Wartner; communion helper: Chris Miller; tabulators: Karen Feezor, Doug Milheim; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Amy Woodall, Jack Richardson, Nick Matherly, cantors; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Dave Dunlap; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Flora Chance; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Alan Harms; ushers: Team B; greeters: Tom & Kay Sehorn, Ted Seman, David Thomason; communion assistants: Cliff Edahl, Susan Lakeman, Andrea Long, Virginia Molan, Nick Wartner; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulator: Meg Fielding, Dawn Schwartz Janice Miller

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

Altar flowers today are given in Memory of Dr. Samuel L. Sehorn, Mr. Kevin Crocker, and Mrs. Kelly Crocker Welchel by Tom & Kay Sehorn, Matt & Ashley Frusti, and Bryan & Shelley Ashcroft.

The St. Mark's Book Study Group will next meet on Thursday, September 25, at 10 am in the large conference room and via Zoom. This month's study selection is *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larsen. This is an historical narrative focusing on the five months between Abraham Lincoln's election in November 1860 and the Confederate attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861, which marked the start of the Civil War. The book explores the escalating tensions surrounding slavery and states' rights that led the nation to the brink of conflict. It delves into the political land-

scape, the actions of key figures like Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, and secessionists, and examines the events that unfolded in Charleston, South Carolina, particularly around Fort Sumter. Larsen writes non-fiction in a style that reads like a novel. Please join us for a discussion of our region's history as depicted in this masterful writer's book. For more information, please contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert.

Heads Up! Annual Book and Puzzle Swap

Reformation Sunday Oct. 26 Gather the books and puzzles you want to share. Bring as many as you want beginning 9/21. Take as many as you like on Oct. 26.

Aid for Hurricane Helene Victims

Thank you to all for your donations. If you would like to help, please hover your phone camera over the QR code to connect to 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

PAT'S PLACE Take a moment to notice the poster and baskets in the gathering place for donations to PAT'S PLACE. This agency coordinates the investigation, treatment and prosecution of the guilty parties of the most severe cases of child abuse. These steps are all performed privately by trained professionals. After this process, they are free to leave after choosing a donated gift. If you are not familiar with this special agency, there is a writeup taped to the easel holding the poster with donation suggestions. Please help us fill these baskets and the hearts of traumatized young people suffering severe abuse.

NOURISH UP (formerly Loaves & Fishes) is facing **empty shelves**. This is due to the increase in the cost of groceries, resulting in less donated food. Nourish Up is also unable to replenish this shortage because of a sharp cut in federal funding. They are in need of financial assistance in order to purchase fresh produce, dairy products and bread to accompany the donated non-perishables. If you wish to donate financially, checks can be sent to St. Mark's with "Nourish Up" on the memo line. They will be sent as soon as possible. Our "summer food drive" targeting school children may be officially over, but the need of hungry families unfortunately continues. Our baker's rack will always be waiting for your generous donations of "unbreakable non-perishable" food items. Thank you for your continuous support of this outreach to our community's less fortunate.

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".



St. Mark's Special Congregational Meeting to Call an Associate Pastor

**10/5/25 Pentecost 17
one service only at 10:30 am
immediately followed by the meeting.**

Thank you for your faithfulness in service together to
Christ at St. Mark's!

Music Notes

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW 655 Somerset C. Lowry (1855-1932) wrote this hymn in 1893. He was born in Ireland and studied at Cambridge, and eventually was ordained an Anglican priest. Dr. Austin Lovelace writes: "Lowry's hymn reminds us that we have a common bond with the whole human race through Christ, that a life of service is required of our stewardship, and that we must pray for peace to end our strife and shame our selfish greed. Our prayer is always 'Thy will be done'." The tune **IN BABILONE** is a Dutch folk melody that has been adapted as a hymn tune.

"Let Streams of Living Justice" ELW 710 William Whitla (b.1934), a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, wrote this hymn in 1989. It was first published in a collection of hymns *Sing Justice! Do Justice!* The author writes: "I wrote this hymn just after the events in Tiananmen Square, and when the Mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina were bringing their campaign to the conscience of the world. At the same time, the religious and racial disputes in Ireland, Israel-Palestine, the Congo and other parts of Africa, and in Canada and many other countries over First Nation or Aboriginal rights all seemed impossible to solve. Unfortunately, similar events are still replayed, and only too-similar images in the Near East, Iraq, Afghanistan, and now Somalia--recur and are now extended well beyond those earlier sad happenings. So, I used some images from those events in verse one, to tell the bad news before the Good News of final two verses". The tune **THAXTED** was composed by Gustav Holst (1874-1934) and comes from his orchestral piece *The Planets* where it is the theme for "Jupiter." Holst lived in Thaxted, Essex, England for most of his life

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

September 21, Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew (Levi in the gospels of Mark and Luke) was a tax collector for the Roman government in Capernaum. Tax collectors were distrusted because they were often dishonest and cooperated with the occupying Roman government. In the gospels, tax collectors are mentioned as sinful and despised outcasts, but it was these outcasts to whom Jesus showed love and mercy. Matthew's name means "gift of the Lord." Since the second century, tradition has attributed the first gospel to him.

Adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*

October 3, 2025
7:30 pm



"GERMAN INGENUITY"

Ticket reservation:
<https://www.carolinapromusica.org/schedule>



In Concert

J.S. Bach and G.F. Handel dominated the music in the 18th century. Born near each other, they knew musical forms of the day but treated them differently. Hear Bach's wedding cantata 202, violin sonata BWV 1021, Handel trio HWV 390 and aria "O Had I Jubal's Lyre" from *Joshua*. Compare the differences yourself. Sung Lee appears as oboe soloist.

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Half price tickets for SMLC!!
Please call the church office.

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October 4, 2025 FALL WORK DAY

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

The Property Committee invites you to participate in the annual Fall Work Day on October 4, from 8:30am until 12:00pm. No special skills are needed, just a willingness to serve your congregation with a little elbow grease. Things to be done include light cleaning, minor yard work if you like the out of doors, and general straightening up prior to Easter. All are welcome!



Your hosts: Property Committee

Have you seen something around the church building that needs a little tender loving care? Simple things like:
Dust the organ.
Trim some bushes.
Mop a floor.
Vacuum an air conditioning register.
Clean the wine spots off the carpet in the sanctuary.

St. Mark's Prayer List

Patsy Ginns, Tom Tolbert, Dr. Samuel Davis, Bill Penrod, Bob Roach, Payton McAdams, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Andres Puky, Diane Thornton, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Satoko Yamada, Judy Cox, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Gene Ellington, Tanner Grant, Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa and Oakley Coburn, 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 9/28/2025 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/ Lectionary 26

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Birthdays

9/21 Jay Harbinson
9/21 Margarete Gobel
9/22 Charles Timm
9/23 Alex Doyne
9/23 Ron Wenzel, Jr.
9/25 Ruth Barrett
9/27 Lisa Barnette
9/27 Sharon MacWhirter-Cooper



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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