



## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*



NOVEMBER 2, 2025

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY / HOMECOMING SUNDAY

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners, and in holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. Today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," and in the same breath, we ask God for strength to hear and to heed Jesus' admonitions in today's gospel. May we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.*

### GATHERING

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

#### Prelude

"Elegy for Organ"

George T. Thalben-Ball

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

#### Processional Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423

HANSON PLACE

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; Music: Robert Lowry

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.  
*Refrain:* Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

*Please be seated.*

#### Welcome

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

#### Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

**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.*

Faithful God,  
You have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.  
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.  
We ignore our neighbors.  
We exploit the earth.  
We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.  
Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life.  
**Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God the Faithful One loves you,  
✠ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.  
**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

“Lord Have Mercy” from *Holy Communion Setting One*

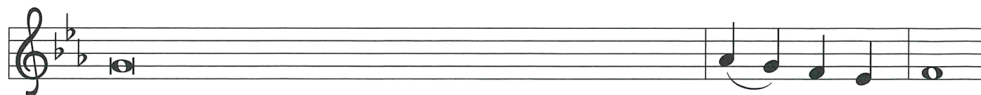
Jack Richardson, cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



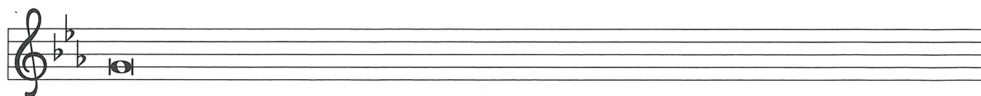
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

## Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God” from *Holy Communion Setting One*

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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.*

## WORD

### First Reading Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Flora Chance, lector

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup>I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup>and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. <sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup>“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 149

Madeline Phillips, Nick Hanewinkel, cantors

Psalm 149:1 (Walter L. Petz) Refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year C* © 2006 Augsburg Fortress



Sing the LORD's praise in the as - sem - bly of the faith - ful.

*Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song, God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful. <sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice | in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler. <sup>3</sup>Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp. <sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory. R <sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy | on their beds. <sup>6</sup>Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand, <sup>7</sup>to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples, <sup>8</sup>to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron, <sup>9</sup>to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! R*

### Second Reading

### Ephesians 1:11-23

Flora Chance, lector

<sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. <sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia” from *Holy Communion Setting Three*

S 142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel

**Luke 6:20-31**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.*

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.  
<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.  
<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. <sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.  
<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

“For yours is the kingdom of God”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

*Please stand as able.*

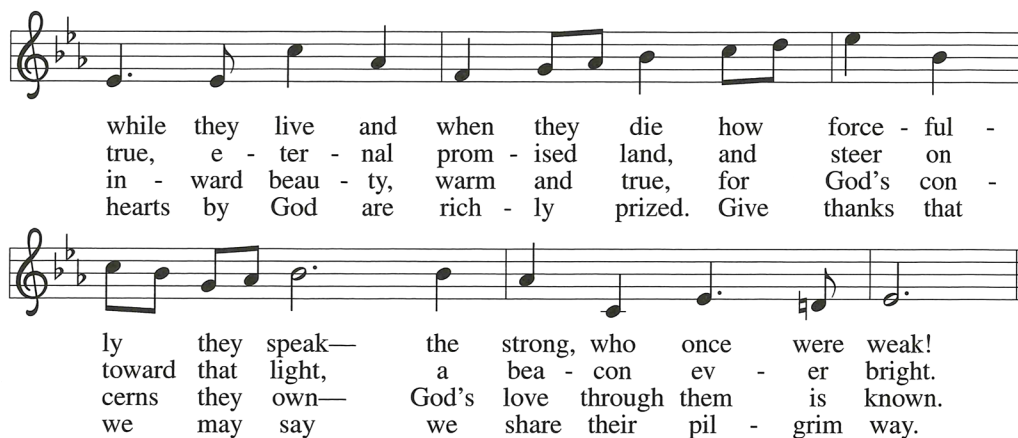
## Hymn of the Day

“Give Thanks for Saints” ELW 428

REPTON

Text: martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962, © 2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.; Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -  
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere  
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling  
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -  
round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so  
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the  
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an  
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



## 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

Lisa Barnette, prayer assistant

*The congregation may kneel or sit for the prayers.*

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Redeeming Lord, for all the ages past and beyond let us praise your holy name as the faithful ones. In the church we have a sure foundation, which is our faith. Are our lives storm-ready during difficult times in our own personal timeline or during uncertainty of the twists and turns of situations and events handled by local, national, and world leadership? Help us to be strong in our convictions to only be guided by our faith, love, and the teachings of Jesus for the discernment of the needs and greater good of our sisters and brothers in Christ. We pray for the future of this church, that we may be open to new ideas, and that we will be inclusive of our differences so we can move forward as torch bearers for Christ in St. Marks. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, guide the leaders of this and every nation, giving them hearts of compassion and justice, and helping them to tirelessly work for peace among the nations. We ask that you would end wars in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan and that you open your kingdom to all who are poor and hungry, who are homeless and displaced, and who weep and mourn. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Revealing Lord, every sunrise and sunset, each wave upon the sandy shore, are all continual reminders of your creative beauty in all the universal wonders you reveal to us. We are on a marvelous journey of faith in things seen and unseen. Sometimes there is adversity and many lessons available as we navigate our inner selves and our outer mission in relationship with others. Lord, we ask that you reveal our true colors as we grow in faith. Guide us to

brighten the sky with love as we reach out to touch others in sharing our light with them. Our journey is not only personal; it is also in community. Thank you, Lord, for walking with us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, our comfort in times of trouble and weakness; bless the sick and the dying with faith and strength in the inheritance of Christ Jesus. Comfort and bless our extended church family: Diane Thornton, Polly Needham, John Graham, Mark Thornton, Tom Tolbert, Dr. Samuel Davis, Bill Penrod, Bob Roach, Payton McAdams, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Andres Puky, 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, Danyne Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa and Oakley Coburn, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Trusting Lord, forgive those that build their lives on things other than honoring Jesus and his words of assurance. We realize that worldly conditions can never be greater than His Word and the power of God in us. Your help for all who seek to live a just, gracious, and godly life just as the saints that we remember in our hearts. We strive to rely on Jesus more each day, so we can be counted and triumphant in the heavenly chorus so we may see you face to face. As believers in Christ, this is our hope for eternity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our Lord, Christ Jesus, we remember the saints who have shared God's love with us, and who now rest in you:

+ Grey Hunter Hamilton  
+ Mary Roof Bowman  
+ Shigeaki Hattori  
+ Rachel Harper Fulp  
+ Nanette Aderholdt Temple  
+ Sean Edward Fielding

God of peace, knowing that you count all people as your children, we also lift before you,

+ All who have died in wars and conflicts throughout the world.

May they find rest eternal in you, and we ask your comfort and strength upon their families and nations.

Creator God, confident that you hold all things in your provident care, we also lift before you,

+ All who have died in natural disasters in this nation and around the world.

May they find rest eternal in you, and we ask your comfort and strength upon their families and communities.

Finally, Gracious Lord, we prayerfully remember,

+ All the Saints  
who faithfully witnessed to you and forever dwell  
in your heavenly kingdom.

May we join them in ceaseless praise to you, setting our hope on the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

“Write Your Blessed Name”

K. Lee Scott

*Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love. Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliverer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heav’n through the many temptations and dangers of this life, of this life. O Jesu, my only Savior! Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from you love. Amen, amen.*

Please stand as able.

### Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home” ELW 628 stanza 1 & 2

LAND OF REST

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.; Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

1. Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2. O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

### Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving

S 152

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

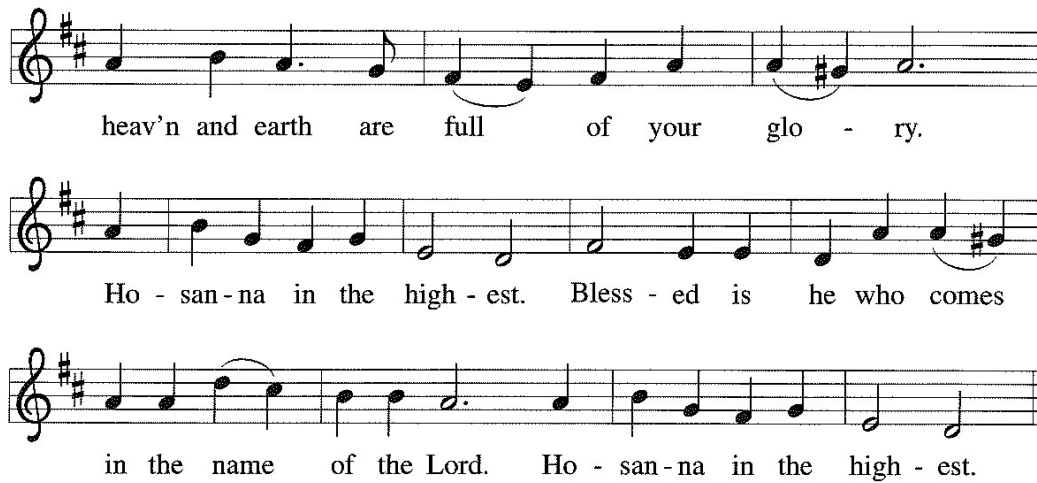
#### Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

Holy Communion Setting Four

S 153

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



### 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

There is a place for you at the table of God.  
Come, receive the food that does not perish,  
a taste of life eternal.

*Please be seated.*

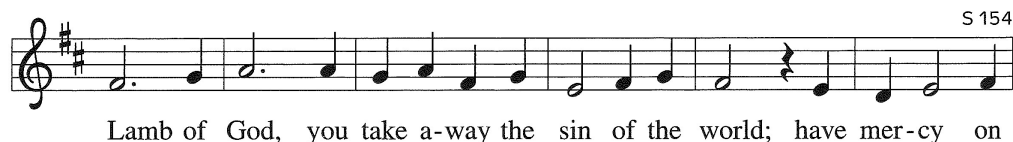
### Distribution of Holy Communion

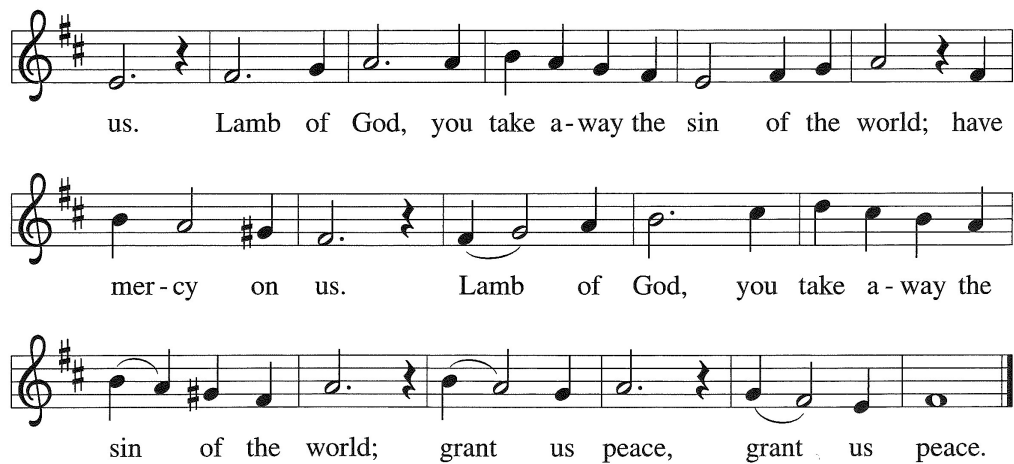
*Holy Communion is offered continuously at the Lord's table and at the high altar. Please follow the ushers' prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station and returning via the side aisles. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, distribution is by wafers and small cups, and on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month distribution is by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are always available.*

### Communion Music

"Lamb of God"

*Holy Communion Setting Four*





“Trio and Adagio” from *Partita on ‘Shall We Gather at the River’*

HANSON PLACE

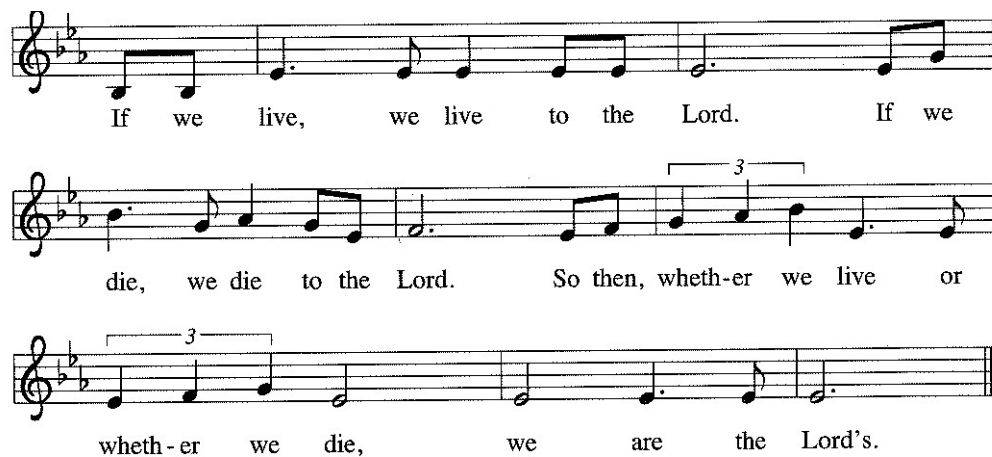
Setting for organ by Jon Spong

### Communion Hymn

“If We Live, We Live to the Lord” ACS 1025 sing two times

IF WE LIVE

Text & Music: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103; T&M © 2009, 2016 Augsburg Fortress



“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*

Gabriel Faure

Kate Suchanek, soprano

*Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray in thy mercy grant them rest, in thy mercy grant them everlasting rest.*

*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. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

SENDING

### SENDING BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.  
The holy Trinity bless you ✝  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

“For All the Saints” ELW 422 stanzas 1, 2, 6, & 7

SINE NOMINE

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958; Music © Oxford University Press

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
6. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

“Improvisation on ‘For All the Saints’”

Tune SINE NOMINE by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Please gather in the Narthex to attend the rededication of the Columbarium Prayer Garden.  
Congregational luncheon begins at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall.*

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## Service of Rededication — St. Mark's Columbarium Prayer Garden

*The congregation gathers in the Columbarium Prayer Garden, and the pastor begins,*

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to rededicate St. Mark's Columbarium Prayer Garden to the glory of God. Let us pray,

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
**abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

He will cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings;  
**his faithfulness shall be a shield and a buckler.**

He shall give his angels charge over you,  
**to keep you in all your ways.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, your days are without number; a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past. You are the Lord of the past, the present, and the future; you hold eternity in the palm of your hand.

We remember with thanksgiving all the saints and witnesses to your goodness who have gone before us, St. John the Baptist; Mary, the mother of our Lord; apostles and martyrs; evangelists and teachers, and all the people of

God, especially those interred in this columbarium, who have testified to the love of God in Christ. Give us grace to follow them in faith as your beloved children, maturing into the likeness of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose death and burial you have sanctified the graves of all who rest in you.

Be with us now and bless this replanted Prayer Garden that this place continue to witness to the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, the firstfruits of those who sleep, so also by your Spirit make us to be partakers of that new life which you have promised to those who believe, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**Amen.**

*Homecoming Day continues with lunch in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!*

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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Lisa Barnette; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Flora Chance; live streaming camera: Joe Barrett; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyné, Jay Jacob, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Michael Thompson; greeters: Millie Cansler, Dave & Eileen Dunlap; communion assistants: Rebecca Huang, Andrea Long, A.J. Pridgen, Chris Stevenson, Nick Wartner; communion helper: Chris Miller; tabulators: Diane Thomas, Dawn Schwartz; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; Jack Richardson, Madeline Phillips, Nick Hanewinkel, cantors; Kate Suchanek, soprano soloist; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Michael Thompson; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Karen Feezor; live streaming camera: Joe Barrett; soundboard: Bob Chernet; ushers: Team A; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Susan Lakeman; communion assistants: Cliff Edahl, Karen & Kevin Feezor, Rebecca Huang, Susan Lakeman; communion helper: Catherine Metze; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Kevin Feezor

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## *Parish News*

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### **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  
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## *Coming Up at St. Mark's*

### **Worship and Congregational Life**

**Altar Flowers Today** are celebrating the Wedding Anniversaries of Matt & Ashley Frusti – Oct. 19th; Bryan & Shelley Ashcroft – Oct. 27th; Tom & Kay Sehorn – Nov. 5th.

### **11/2 Today is All Saints Sunday.**


- Columbarium rededication follows the service. Gather in the Narthex.
- Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall begins 12:15 pm. All are welcome!

**11/8 Men's Group** Please note we will meet in the Large Conference Room or the Reception Room at 9 am with Kenilworth/Scott Ave clean up to follow. All men are welcome!

**11/12 The Love Circle** will meet in the Large Conference room at 11 am.

**11/18 Ethnic Restaurant Group**, 6 pm at Waldhorn German Restaurant.

**11/20 Theology on Tap**, 7 pm at The Vaulted Oak.

**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. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

#### **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**

Your pledge helps St. Mark's ministries of worship, service

and fellowship continue over the coming year. **2026** Pledge cards are available in the Gathering Place. 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.



#### **Social Ministry**

**NOURISH UP** (formerly Loaves & Fishes) is facing **empty shelves**. Nourish Up is also unable to replenish this shortage because of a sharp cut in federal funding. They need financial assistance to purchase fresh produce, dairy products and bread to accompany the donated non-perishables. Checks can be sent to St. Mark's with "Nourish Up" on the memo line. Our baker's rack will always be waiting for your generous donations of "unbreakable nonperishable" food items. Thank you for your continuous support.

**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 pm; Wednesday nights "Just the Basics", 7:30 pm; & Thursday nights "Not a Glum Lot", 6:30 pm; in Room 106: "SLAA" - Mondays at 6 pm; Thursdays at 6:30 pm & Saturday morning 10:30 am "SLAA".

## Music Notes

**"For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest"** ELW 422 This hymn was written by William How (1823-1897) an Anglican Bishop, first published in a collection entitled *Hymns for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns, By a Layman* (London, 1864). A passage from Hebrews 12 is the inspiration: "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." American hymnologist and composer Austin Lovelace adds his insight: "the hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church." The tune **SINE NOMINE** ("without a name") is one of four original hymn tunes written anonymously by Ralph Vaughan Williams, first published in the *English Hymnal* (1906).

**"Shall We Gather at the River"** ELW 423 This text and tune were written in the summer of 1864 by American composer, author, and theologian Robert Lowry (1826-1899). The author said he was seated at the parlor organ of his home in Brooklyn, NY, reflecting on Revelation 22:1 "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb." Dr. Lowry said "the music came with the hymn." The tune **HANSON PLACE** is named for the church where he served in Brooklyn, Hanson Place Baptist Church

## *This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar*

### **November 3, Martin de Porres (1579-1639), renewer of society**

Martin was the son of a Spanish knight and Ana Velázquez, a freed black slave from Panama. Martin was a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and engaged in many charitable works. He was noted for his care of all the poor, regardless of race. The Dominicans described him as the "father of charity." His work included founding an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs. He is recognized as an advocate for Christian charity and interracial justice.

### **November 7, John Christian Frederick Heyer (1793-1873); Bartholomaeus Ziegenbaig (1682-1719); Ludwig Nommensen (1834-1918), missionaries**

Three missionaries are commemorated on this date. **Heyer** was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. Ordained in 1820, he established Sunday schools and taught at Gettysburg College and Seminary. Heyer became a missionary in the Andhra region of India. During a break in his mission work he received the M.D. degree from what would later be Johns Hopkins University. **Ziegenbaig** was the first Protestant missionary ever sent outside of Europe, and was a missionary to Tranquebar on the southwest coast of India. He was sent by the Danish king, yet his missionary work was opposed by Danish expatriates living in India because he worked among indigenous people. He translated the New Testament and hymns into Tamil. Today the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded in 1707, carries on his work. **Nommensen** was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. In the early 1860s he went to Sumatra to serve as a Lutheran missionary. His work was among the Batak people, who had previously not known anything of Christianity. Nommensen translated the scriptures into Batak while honoring much of the native culture.

Adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*

## St. Mark's Prayer List

Diane Thornton, Polly Needham, John Graham, Mark Thornton, Tom Tolbert, Dr. Samuel Davis, Bill Penrod, Bob Roach, Payton McAdams, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Andres Puky, 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.

Please email Pastor McKenzie with Prayer List and other prayer requests ([pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org](mailto:pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org))

### Readings for 11/9/2025

#### Twenty-second Sunday after

#### Pentecost, Lectionary 32

Job 19:23-27a

Psalms 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-28

### Birthdays

11/2 Mary Lou McCurry

11/3 Garlan Miles

11/4 Jim Metze

11/5 Dave Kutscher

11/5 Gail Salmon

11/7 Laura Foust

11/8 Clayton Payne



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](mailto:pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org))



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