



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known



NOVEMBER 9, 2025

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / LECTIONARY 32

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Like Job, we live with moments of despair and weakness, yet like him, we also say, "I know that my redeemer lives." Paul, too, encourages us to "stand firm and hold fast to the traditions you were taught." In all of our work and words, it is Jesus Christ himself who comforts and strengthens us. Jesus liberates us with the good news that God is not the God of the dead but of the living, for by him all is us are made alive.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

"A Blessing"

Michael Helman
St. Mark's Handbell Choir

Dedication Of A Musical Instrument

The pastor addresses the congregation,

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to set apart this piano to God's glory. God has given us the gift of music; let us sound our praise!

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You have blessed the whole earth after your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and the song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory.

You alone do great wonders and by your wisdom you have made the heavens and the earth. All living things give you praise. You have breathed your breath of mercy into your children, to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song. In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints. Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song.

Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate this piano to your praise and glory. Enrich the lives of your people through it, and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it. By your Holy Spirit, let this

piano enliven the proclamation of your Word to the building up of your Church, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, through all ages of ages.

Amen.

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

Processional Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” ELW 619 stanzas 1-4, & 8

DUKE STREET

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.; attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort
this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who
once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives e-
ternally to save; he lives exalted,
throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
3. He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to
guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
4. He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to
wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my
troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
8. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts.
Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and
bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

Musical Interlude

“I Am Bound for the Promised Land”

PROMISED LAND

Setting for handbells by Anna Laura Page

WORD

First Reading

Job 19:23-27a

Charles Lakeman, lector

²³“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen
and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my redeemer lives and that in the
end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 17:1-9

Read responsively

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

²**Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴**I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

⁶**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

⁸**Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

⁹from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Charles Lakeman, lector

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

“Hold fast to the gospel”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

Please stand as able.

Hymn of the Day

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” ELW 339

JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

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

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore.

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

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

Michael Thompson, 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.*

God of hope, we know that our redeemer lives. For Job, redemption came in the form of assurance that You would be there for him at death, and he would see You by his side at the last. For us, redemption comes in the form of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who rose triumphant from death and loves us to the end. Remind us, your church, that through Him, we are comforted, fed, consoled, and led to eternal life with You. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of the harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come, and teach us to be good stewards of earth's bounty so that all may be fed and all might know your goodness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of deliverance, we find adversity and struggle in so many aspects of our world and daily lives. From apathy and avoidance to injustice and outright violence, we ask for Your steadfast love as we navigate through these challenges without succumbing to wickedness or transgressions of our own making. Be our refuge, our savior, and our vindication in the face of those who choose to harm us or others as we follow in your footsteps towards eternal life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of comfort and healing, protect and heal all who cry out to you in sickness and death and strengthen all who care for them. Bless and heal our extended church family: Mark Barbee, 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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the living, we are all children of the resurrection, unbound by death through our faith in You. Remind us that our earthly existence and all of its limitations are temporary, and open our hearts and minds to the promise of transformation and transcendence to an eternal life that awaits us through Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in the faith, witnessing to you over their lives. Uplift us as we await our redeemer and hold us in steadfast faith to the gospel proclaimed to us so that, we too, might see our redeemer coming at the day of the Lord. 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

“Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain”

Carolyn Jennings
Choir and piano

Climb to the top of the highest mountain. Joyous tidings proclaim to the world. Lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms. He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, he who fashioned the earth and the sea, from time eternal, he was Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord! He will come in pow’r, he will rule with truth, hope of all the nations, light of all. He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms. Love and trust him as a child, your Lord comes to you. Love him as a child.

Please stand as able.

Offertory

(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)

“On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand” ELW 437 stanza one

PROMISED LAND

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795; Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.



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

The Lord be with your.

And also 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.

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

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

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” ELW 638

ASSURANCE

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

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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

Postlude

“Praeludium in B-flat Major” BWV 560

Johann Sebastian Bach



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Worship Leaders: Pastor Timothy McKenzie; prayer assistant: Michael Thompson; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Charles Lakeman; live streaming camera: Joe Barrett; soundboard: Bob Chernet; ushers: John Simon, Mike Doyne, Jay Jacob, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Michael Thompson; 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; musicians: St. Mark's Choir; St. Mark's Handbell Choir; Elizabeth Whitener, piano; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

Next Sunday Leaders: prayer assistant: Youth; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Karen Feezor; live streaming camera: Charles Lakeman; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Team A; greeters: Eddie & Carol Goodall, Patrick & Rebecca Huang; communion assistants: Susan Lakeman, Tom Puky, Chris & Palmer Stevenson, Kimberly Zimmerman; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Meg Fielding, Charles Lakeman

From the pastor -

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12)

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

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

Coming Up at St. Mark's

Worship and Congregational Life

Altar Flowers Today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Wells Molan's 6th birthday, with love from his parents.


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

11/15 Bishop Emily Hartner's Installation, 2 pm at Christ Providence, 4519 Providence Rd. The service will also be streamed at: [YouTube Live Service](#)

The Ethnic Restaurant Group will dine at Waldhorn German Restaurant on November 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM. At Waldhorn, the Meier family offers hospitality with delightful viands and beverages. The roasts and Wursts are consistently tasty, and the extensive list of Biers allow many unique pairings to enhance meals. The chicken and fish entrées also are sure to please, and the desserts include classic German sweets! Waldhorn is located at 12101 Lancaster Hwy, Pineville, NC 28134; 0.7-mile south of NC-51 (Pineville-Matthews

Road), or 0.2-mile north of Carolina Place Parkway. There is plenty of parking at the restaurant. Waldhorn is the place to go in the Charlotte area for a wide variety of German-inspired dishes presented by Germans whose family also has a restaurant in Germany. All are welcome! RSVP to Tom and Judy Tolbert by mid-afternoon of November 15th to assure seating. Plan now to add a classic German dinner to your early holiday season celebrations.

11/20 Theology on Tap, 7 pm at The Vaulted Oak, 3726 Monroe Road, Charlotte. Come play Music Trivia! Food trucks will be on site. Everyone is welcome!

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

ROOM IN THE INN is just around the corner when we will be hosting 10 homeless men each Tuesday during

January and February. We are requesting donations of the following items we offer our homeless guests— * travel size men's deodorant * individually packaged toothbrush * travel size toothpaste, still in its box * travel size body lotion, fragrance free * lip balm/ chapstick * dental floss * pocket tissue packets

BEDTIME SNACKS * lunch size bags of chips, pretzels, goldfish * granola bars (preferably without nuts) * small bags of fruit snacks

ITEMS WE **DO NOT NEED** (dispensers in showers) * soap/body wash * shampoo * conditioner * mouth-wash (as requested by Roof Above)

A collection basket is in the hall on the table across from the large conference room. Your help in all this will be GREATLY APPRECIATED by the Social Ministry committee and the homeless men we serve.

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; "SLAA" meets in Room 106: Mondays men only at 6 pm; Thursdays at 6:30 pm & Saturday morning 10:30 am.



Installation of the Bishop

EMILY K. HARTNER

North Carolina Synod ELCA

Saturday, November 15 • 2 pm •

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Music Notes

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" ELW 619 This hymn was penned by Samuel Medley (1738-1799) a former British sailor, converted by reading a sermon by Isaac Watts and then serving as a Baptist minister. The heart of his message is inspired by a passage from Job 19:25 "For I know that my Redeemer lives." We will sing only stanzas one through four, and eight. Please note how many times we sing the phrase "He Lives": seventeen times in just these five stanzas by my count! The tune **DUKE STREET** was composed by Englishman John Hatton, a Presbyterian who was born in Warrington, England, and who lived on Duke Street in St. Helen's in the township of Windle, Lancaster (or Lancashire).

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" ELW 638 is one of the more than 8,000 gospel song texts written by Frances (Fanny) Crosby (1820-1915). Phoebe Knapp was a close personal friend of Fanny's, and played this tune **ASSURANCE** for the blind poetess and asked, "What does this tune say?" And Fanny responded, "Why, that says: blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." The year was 1873, and this gospel hymn became a staple in Dwight Moody's and Ira Sankey's revivals in England and the United States, and later in the crusades of Billy Graham. Fanny used over 200 pen names besides her own, and many of her original texts are still being found.

"On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand" ELW 437 Samuel Stennett (1727-1795) an English Seventh Day Baptist preacher, wrote this hymn depicting the story of the children of Israel crossing into Canaan as a metaphor for the joys of heaven. Just as Canaan was a land flowing with milk and honey, our heavenly home is a place of pleasantness, health and joy. Because of the hardship and uncertainty of the harsh frontier life, many hymns that became popular in the nineteenth-century American frontier dealt with the subject of the heavenly reward. The tune **PROMISED LAND** was first published in *The Southern Harmony* (1835) and includes four of Stennett's original seven stanzas, with the anonymous refrain addition.

This Week: From the Lutheran Church Calendar

November 11, Martin, Bishop of Tours (316/336-397)

The son of a senior officer in the Roman army, Martin joined the cavalry at age fifteen, serving for many years. When he was eighteen years old, near the gates of Amiens, a beggar approached Martin for aid, and Martin cut his cloak in half for the beggar. In a dream, Martin understood that Christ had been present in the beggar. He soon asked for release from his military duty, but was imprisoned instead for cowardice. After his release from prison he began preaching, particularly against the Arians. In 371 he was elected the bishop of Tours. As bishop he developed a reputation for intervening on behalf of prisoners and heretics who had been sentenced to death. Martin Luther was named for Martin of Tours, because he was baptized on November 11, 1483.

November 11, Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher (1813-1855)

Kierkegaard, a nineteenth-century Danish theologian whose writings reflect his Lutheran heritage, was the founder of modern existentialism. Many of his works were published under a variety of pseudonyms, so that he could reply to arguments from his own previous works. Kierkegaard's work attacked the established church of his day - its complacency, its tendency to intellectualize faith, and its desire to be accepted by polite society. His work, *Fear and Trembling*, is a modern study of the meaning of faith in the story of Abraham and Isaac. Kierkegaard was highly influential on the early theology of Karl Barth.

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St. Mark's Prayer List

Mark Barbee, 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)

Readings for 11/16/2025 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 33

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Birthdays

11/9 Bradwell Molan

11/10 M.C. Katzel

11/10 Elizabeth Conner

11/11 Karen Covington

11/11 Pat Fox

11/11 Gwen Stone

11/12 Carol Lippert

11/14 Lowell Engelhard

11/14 Ted Seman



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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