



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*

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MAY 24, 2026

DAY OF PENTECOST

10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*On Pentecost, we celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world. The church is one body made up of many members, unified in our diversity through Jesus so that we too might bear and speak of God's mighty deeds of power. Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We are sent bearing the peace and forgiveness of Christ for all the world.*

GATHERING

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

**Prelude**

"Chorale Improvisation on 'God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind'"

Welsh tune CWM RHONDDA; Setting for organ by Paul O. Manz

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

**Processional Hymn**

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" ELW 400

CWM RHONDDA

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

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

*Please be seated.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The congregation may kneel or sit for the Confession. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you and given  
ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things we have done  
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ †, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please stand as able.*

**Kyrie**

“Kyrie eleison” from *All Creation Sings* Holy Communion Setting Twelve

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

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

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

**Hymn of Praise**

“All Glory Be to God on High” ELW 410 stanza one

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOH

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485-1550, tr. Composite, © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress; Music: Plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -

friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the

strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to

one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank

God for grace and mer - cy! A - men.

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**WORD**

*See page 17 for Acts 2:1-21 in different languages.*

**First Reading****Acts 2:1-21**

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

*The Word of the Lord***Thanks be to God****Psalm 104:25-34, 35b**

Nick Matherly, Taylor McNamara, cantors

Psalm 104:50 (Walter L. Pelz) from *Psalter for Worship Year A* © 2007 Augsburg Fortress

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

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures. <sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great. <sup>26</sup>There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it. <sup>27</sup>All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season. R <sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things. <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust. <sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth. <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R <sup>32</sup>You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke. <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being. <sup>34</sup>May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD. 35b Bless the LORD, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah! R

**Second Reading****1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Kay Finlon, lector

<sup>3</sup>No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts but the same

Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

from *Holy Communion Setting Three*

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**

**John 20:19-23**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

“So I send you”

Pastor Timothy McKenzie

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

“As the Wind Song” ACS 943 from *All Creation Sings*

WAIKURUA TAPU

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

## The Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Charles Lakeman, prayer assistant

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

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

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

God of Abundance, You call us to feed the hungry and to care for the most vulnerable members of society. We pray for our elected representatives and senators as they consider the spending priorities of our government in upcoming budget and spending negotiations. Help them to remember those in their districts who will be most affected by cuts to assistance programs such as the Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). We pray that they will speak and act with courage, recognizing that budgets reflect the values of the people and organizations behind them. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Living Word, your Spirit continues to renew the face of the earth, even as nations and people continue to mistreat and monopolize the abundant resources you provide for all people. Grant to nations, governments and industry the will to work for solutions to climate problems, the care of endangered

habitats, and the sharing of resources so that all people might enjoy the abundance you have created.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, we pray for all who suffer or are in any need. We pray especially for victims of violence, immigrants and refugees navigating complex systems and those experiencing poverty. Comfort all who are sick, grieving, lonely, or anxious and surround them with your healing presence. Empower us to be your hands of healing and hope. Surround our loved ones with your healing presence, especially, Rochelle Dagenhart, Steve Gore, Bibba Whitener, James Watson, Sarah East, Phaedra & Scott Snow, Bill Bowden, Harry Kendrick, Kendal Turner, Janice Darnell, Pastor Glen Sea, Mark Barbee, Polly Needham, Mark Thornton, Tom Tolbert, Samuel Davis, Bob Roach, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Silvia Puky, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Satoko Yamada, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Gene Ellington, Tanner & Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Bonnie & Dannye Olin Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa & Oakley Coburn, Roxi Tolbert, Bill Schwartz, Arlene Fielding, David Kutscher, Danielle Clausen, Joseph Tolbert, and Jay Harbinson. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for this congregation. Pour out your Spirit upon your people gathered here today, uniting us across every difference of language, culture and tradition. Empower the pastors and members of St. Mark's to proclaim your gospel of reconciliation, grace and love. Ignite our hearts with the fire of your love and help us to welcome the stranger, celebrate our diverse spiritual gifts, and speak words of love to a world longing for hope. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, as you breathed on the disciples, giving them the Holy Spirit, continue to send and lead us on our human journeys by that same Spirit so that, like the saints of every age who traveled on the waves of history, our lives also might speak of your deeds of power leading to eternal life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the resurrection, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

**Peace** *(Please stand as able, sharing the peace of the risen Christ.)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** *(Offerings for the mission of the church are gathered by the ushers.)*

**Anthem** "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

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

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, My Savior, speak. Truthful*

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

Please stand as able.

**Offertory**

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers)*

“Spirit of God, Descend” ELW 800 stanza one

MORECAMBE

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860; Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Proper Preface**

**Sanctus**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”

*Holy Communion Setting Three*

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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please be seated.*

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is offered continuously at the Lord's table and at the high altar. Please follow the ushers' prompts, walking forward to the desired communion station and returning via the side aisles. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, distribution is by wafers and small cups, and on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the month distribution is by intinction. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are always available. Communion kits are no longer available.*

### Communion Music "Lamb of God" from *Holy Communion Setting Three*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

15th century tune PUER NOBIS  
 Organ settings by Michael Burkhardt

**Communion Anthem**

“Beloved, Let Us Love”

Donald Busarow  
 Kate Suchanek, soprano

*Beloved, let us love: for love is of God; in God alone love has its true abode. Beloved, let us love: for those who love, they only, are God’s children from above. Beloved, let us love: for love is rest, and those who do not love cannot be blessed. Beloved, let us love: for love is light, and those who do not love still live in night. Beloved, let us love: for only thus shall we see God, the Lord, who first loved us.*

*Please stand as able.*

**Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

SENDING

**SENDING BLESSING**

主があなたを祝福し、あなたを守られるように。  
 主がみ顔をもってあなたを照らし、あなたに恵みを与えられるように。  
 主がみ顔をあなたに向け、あなたに✠平安を賜わるように。

And the congregation says, **Amen.**

(English translation: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.)

**Recessional Hymn**

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life” ELW 399

PUER NOBIS

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

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

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

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

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Postlude**

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

Tune PUER NOBIS; Organ setting by David Cherwien

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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; Pastor Ali Rode; prayers assistant: Tom Tolbert; crucifer/acolyte: Chris Miller; Holy Spirit kite: Andrew Puky, banner bearer: Sophie Schwartz; lector: Kay Finlon; live streaming camera: A.J. Pridgen; soundboard: Bob Chernet; ushers: Mike Doyne, Jay Jacob, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Michael Thompson; greeters: Neil & Charlotte Dixon, Michael & Tara Thompson; communion assistants: Bonnie Eckerd, Rebecca Huang, Karen & Kevin Feezor; communion helper: Kay Finlon; tabulators: Charles Lakeman, Susan League; musicians: St. Mark’s Choir; Nick Matherly, Taylor McNamara, cantors; Kate Suchanek, soprano soloist; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Dave Dunlap; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Team A; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Evelyn Gerdes; communion assistants: Jay Jacob, Andrea Long, Jamice Miller, A.J. Pridgen; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, Janice Miller, Dawn Schwartz

**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 season of 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. During these everyday moments and times, when we hope against hope for God's presence in our world, we remember that God is steadfast and calling us to embody his steadfast love for those who are the least of these. How is God calling and sending you to use your gifts for Christ at St. Mark's? We are all baptized into one body so that unified in Christ, we might, in all of our diversity, welcome, care for, and love all people for Christ!

In the life of the Spirit,  
Pastor Tim McKenzie  
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*Coming Up at St. Mark's*

**Worship and Congregational Life**

**Today:**

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

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

**Faith Forum:** 9:30 am, Large Conference Room

**This Week:**

**The Church Office** will be closed tomorrow, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day.

**St. Mark's Book Study Group** will meet on Thursday, May 28, at 10 am in the large conference room and via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Our selection this month is *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. This is the story of a zany case of mistaken identity that allows a lonely old man one last chance to be part of a family. The man is Frederick

Fife, who was born with an extra helping of kindness in his heart. If he borrowed your car, he'd return it washed with a full tank of gas. The problem is, at age eighty-two, there's nobody left in Fred's life to borrow from, and he's broke and on the brink of eviction. But Fred's luck changes when he's mistaken for Bernard Greer, a missing resident at the local nursing home, and takes his place. Now Fred has warm meals in his belly and a roof over his head—as long as his look-alike Bernard never returns. Please contact Kay Sehorn or Judy Tolbert for more information.

**5/31 Holy Trinity Sunday 8:30 am & Senior Sunday (10:30)** Please join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating high school seniors.

**Save the date! Sullenberger Aviation Museum Visit**

June 13 at 9 am. Cost \$20 per adult. The Men's Group is inviting everyone to sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4DAFAB23A6F49-63869003-sullenberger> Watch for updates.



**Aid for Hurricane Helene Victims** Thank you to all for your donations. If you would like to help, please see the NC Synod's website.

**Thinking of joining St. Mark's?** Please see Pastor Tim to set up a time to talk. All people are welcome at St. Mark's!

**The Christian Education Hour is at 9:30 am on Sundays.**

You are invited to join the Faith Forum for lively discussion. The class meets at 9:30 in the Large Conference room. New members are always welcome.

**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 other Sunday at 9:30.

**Stewardship**

Your pledge helps St. Mark's ministries of worship, service and fellowship continue over the year. **2026** Pledge cards are 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.



**2026 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**

**NOURISH UP in May** Help us "meat" the needs of the food pantry this May! Please donate canned tuna, chicken and salmon. *Cans with pop tabs appreciated.* Other highly requested items are: whole grain cereals, low sugar or unsweetened fruits, low sodium

canned vegetables, and pasta. *Your donations help our neighbors!*

**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: Thursdays at 6:30 pm; Fridays women only at 6 pm & Saturday mornings 10:30 am.



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MAY 28–JUNE 7, 2026





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GUY FISHMAN  
AND FRIENDS

TUESDAY, JUNE 2  
7:30 PM



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AISSLINN NOSKY  
SARAH STONE  
AND FRIENDS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4  
7:30 PM



ECHOES OF  
BACH

EMI FERGUSON  
GUY FISHMAN  
ESTHER JEEHAE AHN

FRIDAY, JUNE 5  
7:30 PM



ORGAN  
RECITAL  
LESTER  
ACKERMAN

SUNDAY, JUNE 7  
3:00 PM

## Music Notes

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

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

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

### **May 24, Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543); Leonhard Euler (1707-1783); scientists**

In remembering scientists we also ponder the mystery and grandeur of God's creation. Educated in astronomy, mathematics, law, medicine, and theology, Copernicus is remembered for his work, *On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*, and his idea that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the solar system. Euler is regarded as one of the founders of the science of pure mathematics and made important contributions to mechanics, hydrodynamics, astronomy, optics, and acoustics.

### **May 27, John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564**

John Calvin began his studies in theology at the University of Paris when he was fourteen. In his mid-twenties he experienced a conversion that led him to embrace the views of the Reformation. His theological ideas are systematically laid out in his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. He is also well known for his commentaries on scripture. He was a preacher in Geneva, was banished once, and then later returned to reform the city under a theocratic constitution.

### **May 29, Jiří Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637**

Jiří Tranovský is considered the "Luther of the Slavs" and the father of Slovak hymnody. Trained at the University of Wittenberg in the early seventeenth century, Tranovský was ordained in 1616 and spent his life preaching and teaching in Prague, Silesia, and finally Slovakia. He produced a translation of the Augsburg Confession, and a hymn collection *Cithara Sanctorum* (Lyre of the Saints) that is the foundation of Slovak Lutheran hymnody. The ELW (#602) contains his hymn "Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved."

Adapted from *Sundays and Seasons*

## St. Mark's Prayer List

Rochelle Dagenhart, Steve Gore, Elizabeth (Bibba) Whitener, James Watson, Sarah East, Phaedra & Scott Snow, Bill Bowden, Harry Kendrick, Kendal Turner, Janice Darnell, Pastor Glen Sea, Mark Barbee, Mark Thornton, Polly Needham, Tom Tolbert, Samuel Davis, Bob Roach, Dale Hopp, Bill Coppedge, Marcia Newlin, Silvia Puky, Ashlyn Bordelon, Betsy League, Carmelita Harris, Lucille Johnson, Marilyn Stevens, Satoko Yamada, Ross Boheler, Charlene Oppermann, Elaine Ketner Sherman, Gene Ellington, Tanner & Christopher Shirley, Eileen Dunlap, Dannye & Bonnie Bragdon, Mindy Curley, Louisa & 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 5/31/26

#### The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

### Birthdays

5/24 Karen Feezor

5/24 Suzanna Payne

5/24 Joe Barrett

5/25 Virginia Ginns

5/30 Melody Howarth

5/30 Sanavi Andujar



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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## Acts 2:1-21 in Different Languages

### Kay Finlon (English)

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

### Ruth Barrett (German)

2 Und es geschah schnell ein Brausen vom Himmel wie eines gewaltigen Windes und erfüllte das ganze Haus, da sie saßen. 3 Und es erschienen ihnen Zungen, zerteilt, wie von Feuer; und er setzte sich auf einen jeglichen unter ihnen; 4 und sie wurden alle voll des Heiligen Geistes und fingen an, zu predigen mit anderen

Zungen, nach dem der Geist ihnen gab auszusprechen.

### Mari McKenzie (Japanese)

5 さて、エルサレムには天下のあらゆる国から帰ってきた、信心深いユダヤ人が住んでいたが、6 この物音に大勢の人が集まってきた。そして、だれもかれも、自分の故郷の言葉が話されているのを聞いて、あっけにとられてしまった。

### Kay Finlon (English)

7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

### Rebecca Huang (Italian)

12 Tutti erano stupiti e perplessi, chiedendosi l’un l’altro: “Che significa questo?”. 13 Altri invece li deridevano e dicevano: “Si sono ubriacati di mosto”. 14 Allora Pietro, levatosi in piedi con gli altri Undici, parlò a voce alta così: “Uomini di Giudea, e voi tutti che vi trovate a Gerusalemme, vi sia ben noto questo e fate attenzione alle mie parole: 15 Questi uomini non sono ubriachi come voi sospettate, essendo appena le nove del mattino.

### Kay Finlon (English)

16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

### Marty Schwartz (French)

18 Oui, sur mes serviteurs et sur mes servantes, Dans ces jours-là, je répandrai de mon Esprit; et ils prophétiseront.

### Elsa Wartner (Spanish)

19 Y dará prodigios arriba en el cielo, y señales abajo en la tierra, Sanger y fuego y vapor de humo; 20 El sol se convertirá en tinieblas, y la luna en sangre, antes que venga el día del Señor, grande y manifiesto;”

**Kay Finlon (English):** “Everyone, please read verse 21 together”:

**21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’**

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

*(The service continues with the Psalm as printed in the bulletin.)*