



# MARK'S

## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Our Mission

*Growing Disciples - Making Christ Known*



MAY 31, 2026

### THE HOLY TRINITY / SENIOR SUNDAY 10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*This Holy Trinity Sunday we celebrate that we are created in the Imago Dei, the image of the Triune God. As created beings, we reflect the brilliant spectrum light of our Creator, displaying a full-colored variety of creative gifts. We delight in making, fashioning, and stewarding the talents God has entrusted to us we are sent forth to love and serve our neighbor in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

### GATHERING

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

#### Prelude

“Variations on ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty’”

Moderato—Allegro—Adagio

Tune NICAEA by John B. Dykes; Setting for organ by Piet Post

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

#### Processional Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” ELW 413

NICAEA

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.; Music John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*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**

“Father, I Adore You”

Tony Coelho

1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -  
3 Spir - it,  
fore you; how I love you.

**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. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

WORD

**First Reading**

**Genesis 1:26-2:4**

Meg Fielding, lector

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God

blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”<sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.”<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.<sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.<sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord

God made the earth and the heavens,  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 8**

Nick Hanewinkel, Nick Matherly, cantors

Psalm 8:1 (Linda Cable Shute) from *Psalter for Worship Year A* © 2007 Augsburg Fortress



O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. R  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses, <sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them, human beings that you should | care for them? <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less | than divine; with glory and hon- | or you crown them. <sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works | of your hands; you have put all things un- | der their feet: <sup>7</sup>all | flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts | of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea. <sup>9</sup>O | LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth! R

**Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Meg Fielding, lector

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

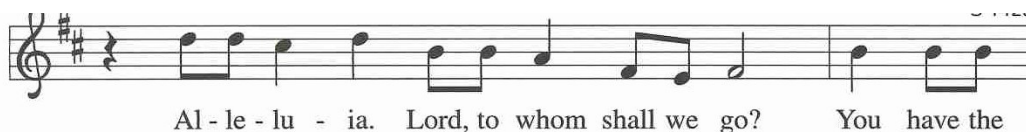
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**Thanks be to God**

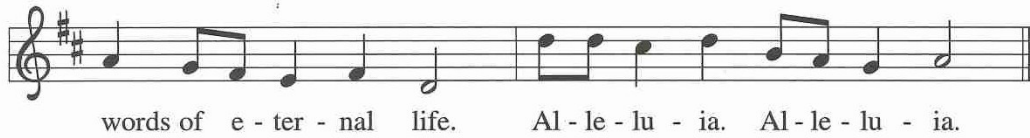
*Please stand as able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

“Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

from *Holy Communion Setting Three*





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**The Holy Gospel Matthew 28:16-20**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Faith Statement**

2026 Graduating Senior

Riley Smith

**Homily**

“Created to Create”

Pastor Alexandra Rode

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn of the Day**

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” ELW 412

KINGSFOLD

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953, © 2001 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.; Music: English folk tune



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

## **Recognition of St. Mark's 2026 High School Graduating Senior**

*The 2026 high school graduate and his parents are invited to come forward.*

After recently achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, Riley Smith will graduate in June from Laurel Springs School (a private, online school for young athletes and artists). He will continue to dance in the Pre-Professional Trainee Program at Charlotte Ballet while he prepares for a year of college and professional auditions

*Parents and graduate gather and the pastor says,*

Parents, please wrap the blanket around your child as you say, together with the congregation:

**Riley, we thank the Creator for the gift you have been to us. You have enriched our lives and given them deeper meaning. Through you, we have a greater understanding of God's gifts of grace and unconditional love for us. As you move forward into the next season of your lives, wherever you go, our love goes with you. May this blanket remind you of our love, the warmth of this faith community, and the power of God's Spirit. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*The pastor continues:* Graduate, please say to your parents,

You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me through good times and bad. I give you thanks for the many sacrifices you have made for me, and I thank God for the selflessness of your love. Thank you for your patience, your wisdom, and your unconditional love. Wherever I go, you will always be a part of me. Wherever I go, your love and example will continue to bless me. Whatever I do, I will always be your child. I give thanks to God for blessing my life with you.

### **Prayer of Sending**

*The pastor continues,*

Let us pray. We give you thanks O God, for the many gifts you have given to Riley. Send him out into the world with your blessing and peace. Wherever he may go, we ask that you would be present with him. May the warmth of these blankets remind him of the love of home and church, the love of his parents, the friendships of this church, and may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with him, now and always. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Riley, go out into the world with the grace, peace and love of Christ!

### **Graduating Seniors Slide Show**

Michael Huang

*The congregation may clap as a sign of acclamation. The service continues with the Nicene Creed. Please stand.*

### **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**

Dave Dunlap, 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.*

In the Trinity we celebrate Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one. Yet in the world today, we suffer so much separation among people, dwelling on our differences rather than celebrating our unity. Help us as your church to celebrate the Trinity by recognizing that in Holy Baptism we are all made children of God and one in Christ. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, you created the waters, the skies, the land, and all living creatures, yet the human beings you created in your own image have exercised dominion in ways that have damaged your creation. Please help us and all of people to understand how to best reverse the damage we have caused and to help restore creation to all its glory. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, please help our leaders to recognize true justice, a justice guided by Your hand, a justice that shows mercy to the weakest and poorest among us, a justice that leads to a peace among Your people that could only be guided by You. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, we pray your comfort upon all who suffer any way. Grant to the sick and recovering, the grieving and lonely your healing presence, and grant hope and peace to the dying. Watch over and bless our loved ones, 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.**

Lord Jesus, we remember graduates, students, teachers, mentors, and all children and young people entering new chapters in their lives. Grant them faith, hope, and courage to follow the vision and gifts you have instilled in each of them. Grant them daily new discoveries and learnings so that they might grow into their gifts, using them to make the world a better place. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you have created us to know you and to love one another. Bless us over our entire human journey, from childhood through adulthood, to trust that you are with us to the end of the age when, with all the saints, we will dwell in your kingdom forever. 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** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Corner stone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its wall alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

*Please stand as able.*

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

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW 885 OLD HUNDRETH

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

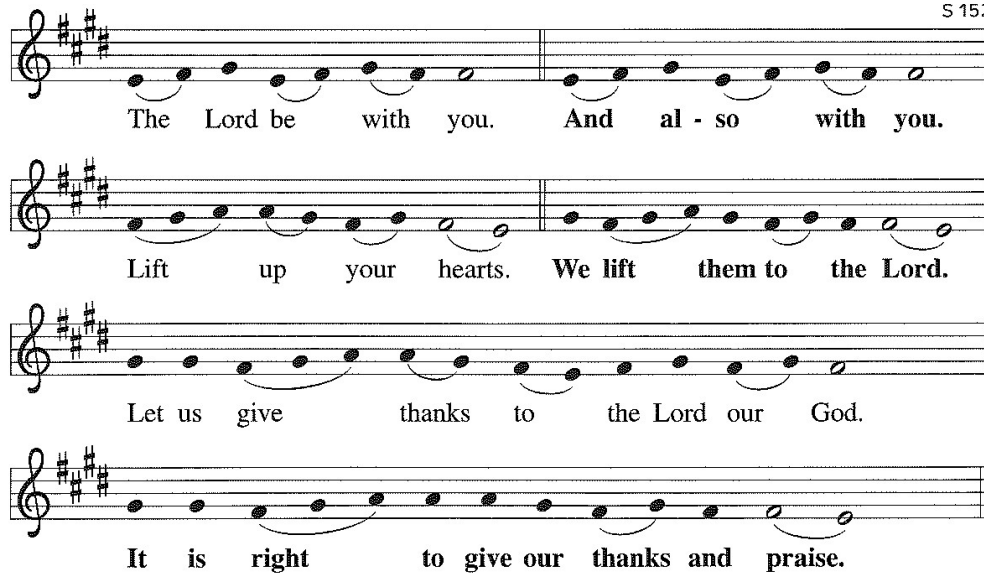
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### 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



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.

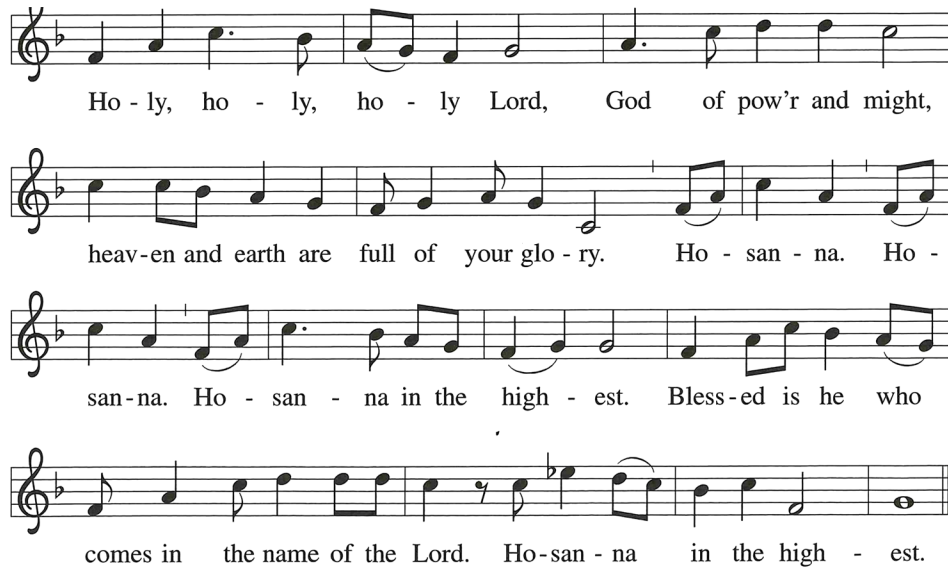
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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

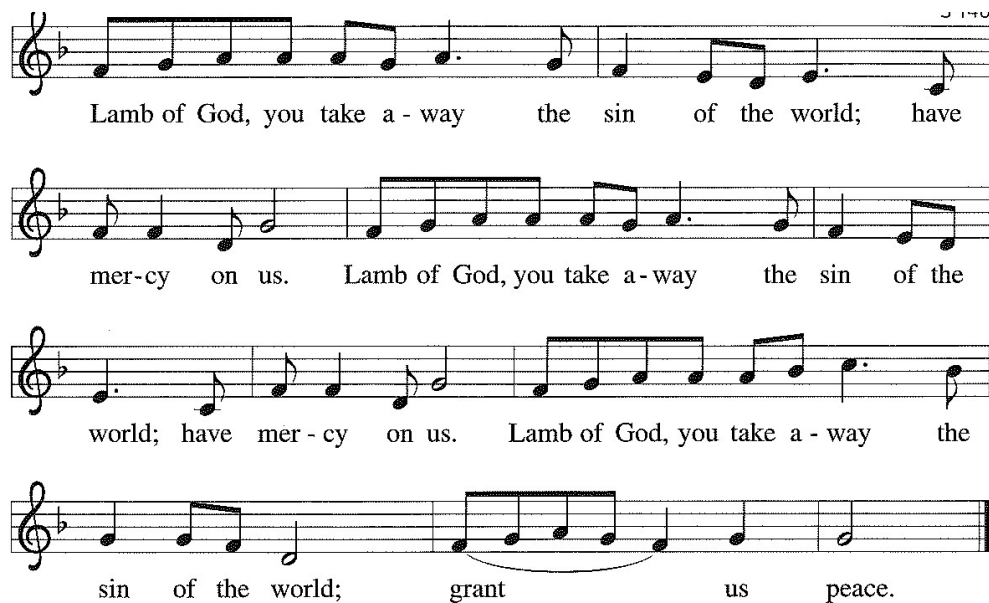
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*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.*

## 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.

## "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" from *Hymn Preludes in Trio Style*

Organ setting by David S. Harris

## Communion Anthem

### "Give Me Jesus"

Madeline Phillips, soprano

Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Moses Hogan

*In the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus. Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.*

*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**

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.

**Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

“God, Whose Almighty Word” ELW 673

ITALIAN HYMN

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.; Music: Felice de Giardin, 1716-1796

1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the  
gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
2. Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions  
blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face bearing the  
lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in  
fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

### **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**

“Chorale Prelude on ‘Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow’”

Johann Pachelbel

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**Worship Leaders:** Pastor Timothy McKenzie; Pastor Ali Rode; prayers assistant: Dave Dunlap; crucifer/acolyte: Riley Smith; lector: Meg Fielding; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: Kevin Feezor; ushers: Mike Doyne, Jay Jacob, Larry Lippert, Jim Metze, Michael Thompson; greeters: Gretchen Dodge, Millie Cansler; communion assistants: Jay Jacob, Andrea Long, Janice Miller, A.J. Pridgen; communion helper: Sandy Rach; tabulators: Kevin Feezor, Janice Miller, Dawn Schwartz; musicians: St. Mark's Summer Choir; Nick Matherly, Nick Hanewinkel, cantors; Madeline Phillips, soprano soloist; Lester Ackerman, Director of Music Ministry and Organist

**Next Sunday Leaders:** prayer assistant: Tom Tolbert; crucifer/acolyte: Needed; lector: TBD; live streaming camera: Ron Wenzel; soundboard: John Brumbaugh; ushers: Team B; greeters: Eddie & Carol Goodall, Patrick & Rebecca Huang; communion assistants: Andrew Puky, Tom Puky, Bonnie Eckerd, Christ Stevenson; communion helper: Chris Miller; tabulators: Joe Barrett, Meg Fielding

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## *Parish News*

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### **From the pastor -**

"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

The Holy Trinity is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Today we give thanks for the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in whose name we are baptized and who dwells in us. This divine mystery is made real in God's grace and love poured into our hearts that God's love might be active in our lives. It is Jesus who reveals the triune God, calling God the Father, himself the Son, and promising the Holy Spirit. Jesus reveals three divine persons in perfect unity as one God, yet each at work separately as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. The Holy Trinity is the divine mystery dwelling in you that through you, God might be active in love and mercy in this world.

In the fellowship of the gospel,  
Pastor Tim McKenzie  
pastortim@saintmarkscharlotte.org

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

### **Worship and Congregational Life**

#### **Today:**

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Rev. Alexandra and Mr. Brian Rode.

**Senior Sunday Today!** (10:30) We give thanks for God's witness to us in Riley Smith, our graduating high school senior. May God bless him as he begins new chapters in his life! Please celebrate with us after the 10:30 am service.

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

#### **This Week:**

**Bach Festival at St. Mark's! St. Mark's members half off tickets at the door!**

6/2, 7:30 pm Dall' Italia con amore

6/4, 7:30 pm Bach & the French Influence

6/5, 7:30 pm Echoes of Bach

6/7, 3:00 pm Organ Recital - Les Ackerman

#### **Next Week:**

**6/13, 9 am Sullenberger Aviation Museum Visit** \$21 Seniors, \$25 per adult. The Men's Group is inviting everyone to sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4DAFAB23A6F49-63869003-sullenberger> Watch for updates.

#### **Spring Shower for Children's Advocacy Center of Charlotte in June**

Children's Advocacy Center of Charlotte (formerly Pat's Place) is the only child advocacy center in Mecklenburg County serving children from birth to age 18. Their mission is to provide a safe, comforting environment that reduces trauma and promotes healing for children experiencing abuse. To help make children feel welcome and cared for during their visits, we are collecting items from their wish list, including: Individual snacks: Goldfish, Pringles, Veggie Straws, pretzels, Kidz Clif ZBars, and Welch's fruit snacks Toys & activities: slime, sticker

sets, Crayola markers, coloring books, journals, sketch pads, Barbies, and superhero action figures. Help us "shower" these children with love and comfort through your donations! Please leave the items in the marked baskets in the Gathering Space now- June 30th.



**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.

## Music Notes

**"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"** ELW 413 This popular hymn was written specifically for Trinity Sunday by Anglican Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1826). His writing is based on John's vision of God as found in Revelation 4. Austin Lovelace says of this hymn: "Although filled with apocalyptic language, the hymn combines a sense of mystery with God's mercy, power, love and purity." First published in 1826 in a collection entitled *A Selection of Psalms and Hymns for the Parish Church of Branbury*, Heber's hymn was included in the selection of hymns that reaffirm the doctrine of the triune God. The tune **NICAEA** was written for this text and published in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861). John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) is the composer of this tune, as well as nearly 300 additional tunes from the Victorian era. **NICAEA** is named for the ancient Greek city of Nicaea, where the Nicene Creed was initially established in 325 A.D.

**"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"** ELW 412 This hymn is the work of American hymn writer and pastor Richard Leach (b. 1953), who wrote this hymn in 2002 for the 250th anniversary of Trinity Church on the Green, in New Haven, Connecticut. Leach says of his hymn: "Dancing has a very long association with the Trinity, going back to eighth century theologians who used the word perichoresis to speak of the interdependence of unity and Trinity. 'Dance around' is a literal translation of the word, but its sense is 'interweaving,' and I use that in the hymn." In his *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Worship* (2010) Dr. Paul Westermeyer writes of this hymn: "What we get here, then, is the church in motion with a winsome welcome by and to the God of its being-an invitation to dance the Trinity's interweaving dance that 'began' before all worlds began, to see the Trinity's face in Christ's human flesh and bone, to speak aloud the Trinity's wind and flame that frees us to move, and then to shape the rising song in joy." The tune **KINGSFOLD** is an English folk tune named for the town in Surrey, England.

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

### **June 1, Justin, martyr at Rome, apologist (100-165)**

Justin was born of pagan parents. At Ephesus he was moved by stories of early Christian martyrs and was led by an elderly Christian man he met there. Justin described his conversion saying, "Straightaway a flame was kindled in my soul and love of the prophets and those who are friends of Christ possessed me." Justin was a teacher of philosophy and engaged in debates about the truth of the Christian faith. In his *First Apology*, Justin's description of early Christian worship around the year 150 is the foundation of the church's pattern of worship in both the East and West.

### **June 3, The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

Christianity had been introduced to Uganda after 1877, but was made available primarily to those in the court of King Mutesa. His successor, King Mwanga II, was angered by these Christian members of the court whose allegiance was not to him but to Christ. On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. Other martyrs followed. But many were impressed by the confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths, and the persecution led to a much stronger Christian presence in the country.

### **June 3, John XXIII, Bishop of Rome (1881-1963)**

In his ministry as a bishop of Venice, John (then Archbishop Roncalli) was loved by his people. He visited parishes and established new ones. He had warm affection for the working class - he himself was the child of Italian peasants - and he worked at developing social-action ministries. At age seventy-save he was elected bishop of Rome. Despite the expectation that he would be a transitional pope, he convened the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) saying it was time to "open the windows [of the Church] and let in some fresh air." *Aggiornamento* ("updating" but also translated as "modernization") was one of the keywords used by John and bishops about the council to describe a new openness to the world and modernity. The council brought great changes in Roman Catholic worship and ecumenism, changes that have influenced Lutherans and many other Protestant churches as well.

**June 5, Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr (c.675-754)**

Boniface (his name means "good-deeds") was born Wynfrith in Devonshire, England. He was a Benedictine monk who at the age of thirty was called to missionary work among the Germanic tribes of the Frankish Empire. His work was protected by Charles Martel, and after Charles' death Boniface carried out a thorough reform of the whole Frankish Church, abolishing the practice of simony, or the selling of ecclesiastical offices, and establishing churches, schools, and seminaries. Boniface was preparing a group in Frisia for confirmation on the eve of Pentecost when he and they were killed by a band of Frisian robbers.

*Adapted from Sundays and Seasons*

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4  
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## 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 Second Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 10

Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

### Birthdays

6/1 Melody Johnson  
6/3 Will Miles  
6/3 Sydney Payne  
6/4 Gene Ellington  
6/4 Elizabeth Wenzel  
6/6 Kevin Lynch



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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