

Welcome / SERVE Announcement
Prelude

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...

Hymn 453 Baptized and Set Free
Prayer
(*we are seated*)
Installation of Council and Staff

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 29

Children's Message

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43
(*we stand in body and spirit*)

Gospel Acclamation 423 Shall We Gather at the River vs. 1

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

(*we stand in body and spirit*)
Hymn 310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Apostles' Creed

Offering / Anthem

Prayers of Intercession (*led by Council and Staff; congregation responds to each petition with "Hear our prayer."*)

(*we stand in body and spirit*)
Page 206 The Great Thanksgiving

Page 207 Holy, Holy, Holy

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*we sing*)

(*we are seated*)

Page 208 O Lamb of God
Communion (*by Intinction*)

(*we stand as able*)

Blessing, Prayer, and Benediction

Hymn 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Postlude

Today

+9:30am CONNECT for all ages

Welcome Beloved and Baptized child of God! In the baptismal waters of the Jordan River, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany (Jesus' manifestation as God and man), Jesus "fulfills all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15) and is recognized as "the Beloved Son of God" who will bring forth justice and be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 42:6). In the waters of baptism, we are joined to Christ, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our lifelong baptismal mission is to faithfully share the Good News of God through Christ Jesus through both our words and deeds.

Installation of St. Mark's 2026 Council and Staff today. Thank you St. Mark's for your prayers and faithful support for all these servant leaders!

Mitch Abraham (President); Dan Dubay (V-P); Linda Locklin (Sec); Barbara Barteau, Larry Davis, Bonnie Klos, Jenny Horton, Darren Jones, Marc Wulf. Priscilla Abraham, organist; Caroline Tyree, accompanist; Dr. Kenney Potter, Music Director; Amanda Howard, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Hamra, Communications Coordinator; Jonathan Cauble, Audio Technician; Dawn Barone, Bookkeeper; Stephanie Mattingly, Preschool Director; Dave Keck, pastor.

Prayer Concerns

St. Mark's Members: Mary Trimberger, Lorri Monterose, Bob Anderson, Mike Carter, Ruth Ann Swart, Peter Cuocolo, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

St. Mark's Friends & Family: Maureena (sister of Karen Pettit), Lisa Santapaola (friend of the Pettits), Mike Staley (Tracy Staley's dad), David Whitlow (son of Liz W), Wendy Phillips (friend of Nina Keck), Sandy Monterose (Tommy's sister), Luz Ortiz (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Adam Mann (son-in-law of Saleebys), Wes and Judy Koch (friends of the Hokes), Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), Cindy Munsey Hall (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Glen Bannister (Sharon Roy's brother-in-law), Betty Lowe, Sue Wilson (Michelle Corbett's mother), Bleier family, Sandra Davis, Rick Barger (friend of Kathy Jo McLean), Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Ronnie & kids, Emma (15-Hodgkins Lymphoma), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), James Nicholson (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Steve Belton (brother of Malinda Little), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Anne Monterosso (fiancé of Colin Davis), Marty Rink (friend of the Van Horns), Carol Masters (friend of Liz Whitlow), Pastor David Gerber (Diana Cosme Avery's stepfather), Clark 'Tiger' LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin), Ian Russell

St Mark's Military Members: Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman, BK & Laura Barringer's great-grandson- Christopher Barringer.

NEWS & EVENTS

Next Sunday, January 18

- + 8:30am Worship
- + 9:30am CONNECT for all ages
- + 10:30am Worship (livestream)

Sunday, January 25

- + 8:30am Worship
- + 9:30am CONNECT for all ages
- + 10:30am Worship (livestream)
- + 12pm Youth rock climbing

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday

- 12:30pm Hands On
- 7:00pm Metamorphosis

Wednesday

- 10am Bible Study
- 11:30am Ladies Lunch Bunch
- 5:30pm Dinner & Devotions
- 6pm Handbell rehearsal
- 7pm Adult Choir

Friday

- 6pm Empty Nesters/JOY

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Annual Chili Cookoff on *Friday, January 23 at 6:00pm* in the FLC. Bring chili to enter the competition or simply come to enjoy a bowl and vote. Prizes will be awarded for: best overall, most creative, and people's choice.

K-12 Youth Rock Climbing at Cliffhangers on *Sunday, January 25, at noon*. Call or text Jessica to RSVP: 828-514-9248.

Food for Days January item of the month: chewy granola bars. Donations can be dropped in the bin near the office hall.

ENJOY (*Empty Nester's Just Older Youth*) Are you between the ages of 45ish and 65? Meet up with us on *Friday, January 16 at 6:00pm at Florence Wine and Beer Garden*, 518 S Church Street, Mooresville. Contact Kristie Ward with any questions at 704-807-6155 or rkward93@yahoo.com

Break Room If you need to step out of service for a moment away, you are welcome to visit the break room. Follow the signs to the room towards the back of the building.

LYO Assembly 2026: Keeping Up with the Lutherans: The Church Has Left the Building, February 27–March 1, 2026 in Greensboro. Middle & high schoolers are invited to a weekend of worship, service, and fun exploring how we live our faith beyond the walls of the church. For more information contact Pastor Dave.

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on *January 14, 2026 at 11:30 am* at Jeffrey's Steak House at 117 Trade Court, Mooresville, 28115. Please RSVP to susanaltierinc@gmail.com or call 704-929-5648 by Monday, January 12, 2026.

Faith Formation CONNECT hour *9:30am Fellowship in the FLC, 9:45 groups begin*. Groups in the FLC: PreK-5th, Youth, Adult, Classy Leftovers. Groups in the main building: Adult 1 in the conference room. **4th-6th graders** are invited to SERVE group in the FLC every 1st Sunday during CONNECT hour.

Altar Flowers 2026 The sign up sheet to provide flowers for the altar in 2026 is available on the bulletin board near the office. Instructions and more information can be found on the sheet.

Wednesday Dinner & Devotions *5:30pm supper, followed by 6:15 worship in the FLC*. Bring a dish to share for potluck supper.

Our 2025 Angel Tree blessed many children this Christmas! St. Mark's came together in a really big way to serve 17 families (total of 38 children) whose wish lists were fulfilled! The personnel from the organization and schools who provided the names and needs reported very appreciative parents and overjoyed children. Many thanks to all who helped make this mission a success! You are truly appreciated!