



Loving - Serving - Sharing God's Love

Welcome to St. Mark's! *God has joyfully brought us together for such a time as this!*

Guests and Visitors – Let's connect in life and faith together. There are "Welcome" cards in the pews for you to provide your contact information. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers or pastors. Thank you!

Sunday, August 7, 2022 - Ninth Sunday of Pentecost 8:30 a.m.

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The Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

August 7, 8:30 a.m.

(The page numbers refer to the red ELW Worship Book found in the pews)

Welcome

Prelude

(please stand as able)

Confession and Forgiveness	pages 211-212
Greeting, Kyrie, Glory to God	pages 213-215
Prayer of the Day	

(you may be seated)

First Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Message/ Blessings of Students, Teachers, Staff and Schools

(please stand as able)

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel Luke 12:32-34

Pew Bible page 847

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

(you may be seated)

Sermon

(please stand as able)

Hymn 764 Have no Fear, Little Flock

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,

for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

(you may be seated)

Communion

(please stand as able)

Blessing, Prayer, Benediction

Hymn, Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
 With God as our Father
 Brothers all are we;
 Let me walk with my brother
 In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
 To take each moment and live each moment
 In peace eternally.
 Let there be peace on earth
 And let it begin with me.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

SAINT MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

About St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

We are Christ-centered, Spirit-led, God-graced, and abundantly blessed to be:

- + Part of your life and household.
- + Part of Mooresville, Lake Norman, Cornelius, Troutman, Statesville, Huntersville & more!
- + Part of Iredell County, and Mecklenburg, Rowan, Cabarrus, and more!
- + Part of the North Carolina Synod (nclutheran.org) and the ELCA (elca.org)
- + Part of the Lutheran World Federation (lutheranworld.org)
- + Part of the holy catholic (lower case "c" meaning "universal" or "worldwide") church.

We are sinners and saints, called to baptize and teach, worship and preach, witness and serve, share and give, laugh and love and live in Jesus Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God & the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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Sunday, August 7 2022 – Pentecost 9		
Please note changes in the worship schedule (returning to 8:30 and 10:30 service times) <i>Note: No LMM breakfast</i>	8:30 a.m.	<i>BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY!</i> In-Person Worship w/Holy Communion / Livestream Youth & Parents Acolyte Meeting-front of sanctuary <i>(see pg.6)</i> CONNECT time – Family Life Center Adult 1 Bible Study (Study of ROMANS)-conf. room In-Person Worship w/ Holy Communion Youth of all ages and families-pizza at Alino Pizzeria
	9:30 a.m.	
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	9:30 a.m.	
	10:30 a.m.	
5:00 p.m.	Youth of all ages and families-pizza at Alino Pizzeria	
Monday 8/8 Preschool teacher staff starts back	7:00 - 9:30p.m.	Ladies Lunch Bunch RSVP for Wed, 8/10 DUE-pg 7 Lake Norman Big Band rehearsal- FLC
Tuesday 8/9	12:30 p.m.	Hands ON – FLC
Wednesday 8/10 Mooresville Schools- 1 st day back to school	11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ladies Lunch Bunch @ Fusion Bowl Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal – Welcome back! Fellowship Basketball – FLC
Thursday 8/11	7:00 p.m.	Beer and Bible with Pastor Vern @ The Salty Caper
Friday 8/12		Note: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday 8/13		
Sunday, August 14, 2022 – Pentecost 10		
Please note changes in the worship schedule	8:30 a.m.	In-Person Worship w/ Holy Communion/Livestream CONNECT time – Family Life Center Adult 1 Bible Study (Study of ROMANS)-conf. room New Member Class w/ Pastor Dave in the sanctuary In-Person Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	
	9:30 a.m.	
	9:30 a.m.	
	10:30 a.m.	

Throughout the month of August during the 9:30am CONNECT hour we will feature: "GAMESHOW 2022" with various "game show-like" fun and fellowship happening in the Family Life Center.



With a new school year right around the corner, **I want to remind all of you who have youth to bring backpacks to school this Sunday for a special blessing.** And for you teachers, bring something that you use to teach to be blessed as well!

Sunday 8/7 @ 5 p.m. the Faith Formation committee would like to treat families with youth to pizza at Alino's in Mooresville. Come out and learn about faith formation and youth activities ahead this Fall. Open to families with youth of all ages!

Please note our Church Administrative Assistant, Darla Steinert, will be out of the office from Friday, August 5 – Sunday, August 14.

New acolytes! **Calling our up and coming 5th graders!** We are building are Fall 2022 youth acolyte roster and Jeanne Proefrock would like to meet with any interested rising 5th graders and their parents on Sunday, August 7th ***immediately after*** the 8:30 worship service right at the front of the sanctuary. Thank you for building our team of worship servants and discipleship!

PRAYER CONCERNS: [Please notify the office of any changes or updates to the prayer list to office@saintmarkslutheran.com](mailto:office@saintmarkslutheran.com) or call the church at 704-664-5474.

Please remember all our homebound and nursing home residents; caregivers of those who are ill and all who serve in the military: Wyatt Leik & Dalton Leik grandsons of Janet & Mike Smeltz; Aaron Whitlow, Drew Jones, Erik Crowder, Tommy Upshaw and Matthew Barone.

Members: Ken Koehler; Martha Scruggs; Janet Frazier; Drew Milholland; Pat Baker, John Roseman; Ruth Wagoner; Jim Chelgren; Viola Wenzel; Barbara Williams; Teresa Sloop; Roger Barbee; Bobby Little; Shelby Westmoreland

Friends & Family: David Martz (nephew of Carol Martz); Paul Burton (friend of John & Betsy Roseman/Mike & Betty Carter); Denise Collado (friend of Chris Isetts); Germain Berube (friend of Chris Isetts); Wendy Phillips (friend of Nina Keck); Donald Kiker (relative of Barbara Overcash); Lauren Roseman (daughter-in-law of John&Betsy Roseman); Dianne (sister of Michelle Kowatschitsch's friend); Hunter Church; Douglas Reynolds (father-in-law of Lara Joyce Reynolds; Brenda Joyce); Laura (friend of Pastor Vern & Mandy); Luke Caudill (nephew of the Core family); Sherry Roseman, nurse friend of Liz Whitlow; and Nelson Torres, son-in-law of Melody Cox; and Rob (friend of Michelle Kowatschitsch)

New address for Don Mease: 785 Fletcher Drive Apt 105, Elgin, IL 60123

SHEPHERD OF THE WEEK (8/7-8/13): Dawn Barone

FOOD FOR DAYS AUGUST DONATIONS: ramen noodles

This week's ALTAR FLOWERS: Nancy Tyree

The **2022 Flower Chart** is available in the hallway near the church office. Please consider signing up to donate altar flowers in celebration and/or memory of loved ones a special event and/or simply to the glory of God. You may can use any florist of your choosing choose (***need to deliver by 2:00 p.m. on Fridays to the church***) or you can buy or cut flowers from your yard and put them in the clear vases in the sacristy. We also use Clippers Florist on Main Street in Mooresville (704-663-7673).

New Bible Study coming!

EXODUS: Holy Ground, YHWH, Plagues, Commandments!

10:00AM Wednesday Bible Study

Starting Wednesday, August 31

Class will meet in St. Mark's Conference Room and will also be available via Zoom

Contact Pastor Dave

St. Mark's New Member Classes being offered:

Dates: Sundays, August 14, 21, 28

Time: 9:40am – 10:20am

Please speak with and/or contact Pastor Dave Keck at dave@saintmarkslutheran.com for more information.



Music Ensemble Rehearsals Beginning!

Sanctuary Choir - Wednesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Ensemble - Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Instrumental Ensemble - Sunday, August 21st after 2nd service

Want to see what it is like to sit in the choir loft?

Join us in the choir loft for the next few Sundays to see what it is like to sing from the choir loft. No rehearsals, just sing with us during the service and help lead singing in the service. Chat with Lisa Combs at church about music at St. Mark's or contact her at Lisa@saintmarkslutheran.com if you have questions.

NEW Adult 1 Faith Formation Bible Study

Leader: Bill Swart

Begins: Sunday, August 7 (*and continuing Sundays thereafter*)

Topic of Study: Paul's Letter to the Romans and Romans Road to Salvation.

Location: Conference Room located off the hallway behind the Altar/Sanctuary

Time: 9:20 (*after service is completed...*) and will conclude at 10:20...for those who wish to attend the second service. All of Saint Mark's people and visitors are invited whether you have been previously a regular member of Adult I or not.

Ladies Lunch Bunch to be held Wednesday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet in Mooresville at Fusion Bowl (126 Mooresville Commons Way, Mooresville 28117).

Please submit your RSVP by Mon, 8/8 to Susan Altieri at 704-929-5648 or email her at susanaltierinc@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study Meeting Notes:

When: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (*hope to see you on August 16*)

Location: Barcelona Burger and Beer Garden

Contacts: Jimmy McLean and Colin Davis

Discussion topic: The book of Acts (*The Acts of the Apostles*).

Come for the great food and fellowship as learn about witnessing, the church, the Holy Spirit, prayer and beginning and growth of the Christian church!

HANDS ON: We just want to remind everyone that Hands On “**has returned to their regularly scheduled program**” (meeting) on Tuesdays. We will meet on August 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We have several projects to work on, and, of course, always welcome new ideas for our member to learn. Can't wait to see everyone again!” If you have additional questions first try Judy Raines at 407-497-5560 or email: jrains63@gmail.com. Please note Shelby Westmoreland will be out of pocket for the month of August.



FOOD FOR DAYS VOLUNTEERS - Would you like to be involved in a community outreach program that requires minimal time commitment but has large impact on children in our area?

The Food For Days outreach program brings together volunteers from at least 10 local churches. This outreach program coincides with the children's school year. This year, school will begin on August 10th. But we will begin packing the first of September.

Food for Days packing site is at Fuzion Teen Center, 691 Brookwood St. Mooresville (off West Park Ave.)

Please prayerfully consider being a volunteer. Depending on the number of volunteers, your commitment throughout the school year would be one Thursday morning a month from 8:15 – 9:30 a.m. We feel this is a great way to help our local children and to have fun getting to know our other local church members.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL Marilyn Boardman at marilynb203@gmail.com or call 704-663-7156. - COMMUNITY MINISTRY COMMITTEE

FELLOWSHIP GROUP: We will *NOT* be meeting in August but mark your calendar for Thursday, September 15, for a lovely fall lunch and community with each other.

UPCOMING DATES TO SAVE!

God's Work, Our Hands 2022:

Saturday and Sunday, September 10th & 11th

On Sunday September 11, congregations of the ELCA will come together for "God's Work, Our Hands." Our congregation will join over 9,000 ELCA congregations in serving our neighbors throughout the weekend of September 10-11.



WELCA GATHERING: The 2022 Annual WELCA Gathering event will be held on Friday evening and all-day Saturday, September 16-17. Voting delegates and visitor from all churches are encouraged to attend!



Groups & Committee "start back" meeting times/room use for fall 2022: please re-confirm when you start back and/or change or have a new space need (weekly, monthly and/or new calendar events as well as times/day of the week schedule). This will help keep us stay current in our bulletin and website communications and office activity/room-use calendar. Please email the office at darla@saintmarkslutheran.com or call the church office at 704-664-5474.

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel of Luke in 2022: Through November 2022 we will primarily hear from the "Gospel according to Luke" especially from Luke's "travel" account (chapters 9:51-19:44) where Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem."

In these chapters Luke includes some of the most familiar of Jesus' teachings, including the parable of the good Samaritan and the parable of the prodigal son. This travel section begins and ends with a rejection of Jesus (9:52 by a village of Samaritans; 19:39-44 by Jerusalem). In between those rejections are incredible challenges, invitations, and teachings. This travel section is a journey following Jesus. It portrays a Lukan idea that **the life of faith is a pilgrimage, always on the move.** In this travel section to Jerusalem and to Jesus' death, Jesus speaks about: the cost of discipleship; loving God and neighbor; prayer; repentance; the use and misuse of wealth; and what it means to part of the kingdom of God as people of God. Luke's book of Acts shares stories of the spread the Christian faith which became known as "the Way."

Trunk or Treat 2022 Needs You! Here is your “early bird” announcement!

From: Jeanne Proefrock, Our Trunk or Treat Event Chair



It’s hard to believe it’s only August and here we are with a Trunk or Treat Headline already!

As many of you may remember, our Trunk or Treat event last year was a HUGE success as we hosted close to 600 youth from our congregation and the surrounding Mooresville Community. This year we are excited to not only welcome those 600 youth back but hope to welcome even more.

We are also hoping to expand the fun a bit this year with the addition of a Fall Carnival to accompany the traditional Trunk or Treat. We are also hoping to provide a meal once again to the community.

Now for the reason for such an early mention of Trunk or Treat: In order for us to host another event like last year’s Trunk or Treat we will need many volunteers.

Yes, we need volunteers to decorate trunks and pass out candy.

Yes, we need volunteers to help cook and serve a meal.

Yes, we need help with decorations and planning.

Yes, we need candy and carnival prize donations.

Yes, we need help with traffic and parking.

Yes, we need help running carnival games.



Yes, we need YOUR help!

Our Annual Trunk or Treat is a fantastic community outreach that brings smiles to hundreds of children in the community in a safe and festive way and allows us to share a bit of who we are at St. Mark’s with the community. Please consider signing up to volunteer for this year’s Trunk or Treat. We cannot make this amazing event happen without your help. I guarantee that we have a place for you to help whether you know how to craft or cook, whether you are shy or outgoing, whether you are a youth or young at heart. ***We have a role for you!***

Please take a moment to sign up to volunteer and help us make the 2022 Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival the best one yet!

To register as a volunteer, please visit: <https://forms.gle/A9FsPVKxdob41nLe7>

Members of the Body of Christ: In 1 Corinthians 12, St. Paul reminds us that we do not exist to serve ourselves. Show me how to live more like your Son, who always put others' interests first. Thank you for your gifts to God through St. Mark's by your intentionality to give financially. God has blessed us richly in the sharing of our time and talents in our ministry, faith formation, and in service and caring for/to so many lives and souls. Thank you for your faithfulness and stewardship. Financial information is posted in the monthly MARKER.

St. Mark's has an App! Receive messages and important information! You can download the app in the following ways: 1) Search for it in the Apple or Android app store; 2) Click the link on the home page of our website; or 3) www.saintmarkslutheran.com.



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The Hall of Fame of Faithfulness

(A conversation about our First Reading, Hebrews 11)

Near the back of the New Testament is the letter to the Hebrews. It is a complex sermon written in elegant Greek, probably around the time of the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in 70CE (AD). The sermon encourages Christian believers to remain faithful to the gospel despite any hardships they are encountering. Then in Chapter 11, there is a list of heroes from the Jewish Old Testament; examples of faithfulness – although certain expected highlights do not appear, and unexpected ones do. Notably, except for a passing mention of David at the end, the Hebrews Hall of Fame of Faithfulness includes no priests or kings.

Who is in your Hall of Fame of Faithfulness? Are they persons from the Bible or are they people you have known, been loved by, held in prayer by, or learned from? What family members or teacher or mentor? Name them. Remember them. Give thanks for them. Write one thing down that you saw in each of these Faith-bearing persons. Then take some time today or this week to share with someone else your own Hall of Fame of Faithfulness. And then do something in faith for your church, community or for someone else.

The late, great spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, received a revelation about faith at, of all places, the circus! Nouwen went to see the German trapeze group "**The Flying Rodleighs**" perform. He was mesmerized by their breath-taking performance as they flew gracefully through the air. At the end of the show, he spoke with the leader of the troupe, Rodleigh himself. Nouwen asked him how he was able to perform with such grace and ease so high in the air. Rodleigh responded, "The public might think that I am the great star of the trapeze, but the real star is Joe, my catcher. The secret is that the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When I fly to Joe, I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me. The worst thing the flyer can do is try to catch the catcher. I'm not supposed to catch Joe. It's Joe's task to catch me" (Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life*. The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1999, pp.195-196).

