



## ***ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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*Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.*

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Rev. Carrie Hoff, Pastor*

***WELCOME***

*We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.*

**November 10, 2024**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Order of Worship**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**            “*Spring and Autumn*”    *Antonio Vivaldi*            St. Mark’s Hand Bell Quintet

**\*\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*\*\*Stand*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our refuge,  
our delight,  
our beginning and our end.  
**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.**  
**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.  
**Amen.**

**\*\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you.**

**\*\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

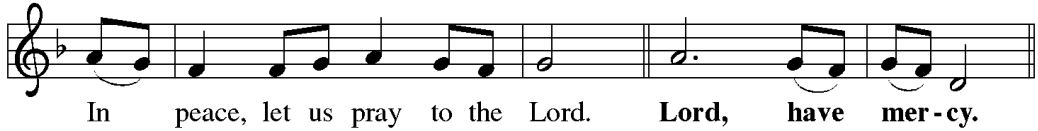
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*“As Saints of Old”*

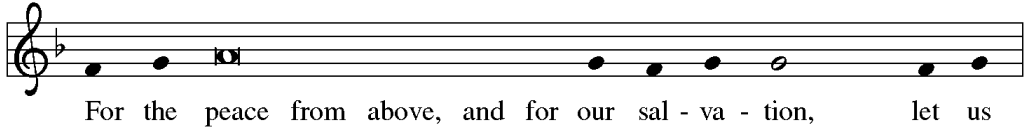
**\*\* GREETING**

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.**

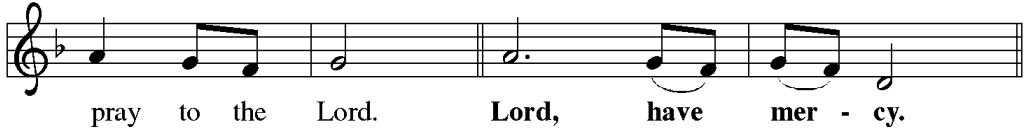
\*\* KYRIE



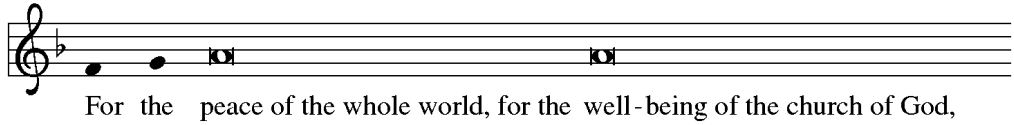
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



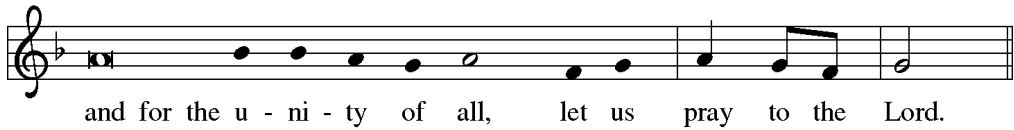
For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



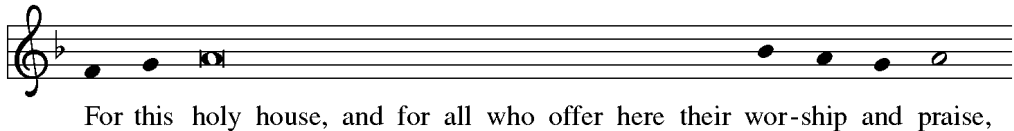
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer-cy.**



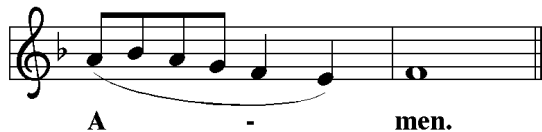
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**A - men.**

\*\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Refrain*  


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



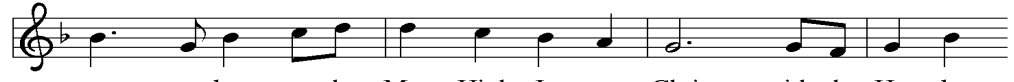
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Refrain*  


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## \*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from 1 Kings.

<sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup> “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

### PSALM: Psalm 146

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

*Refrain: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish. R**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the LORD loves the righteous. R**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**\*\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**\*\* GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Carrie Hoff

**\*\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 678

*“ God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ”*

**\*\* APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation’s veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**





**\*\* 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**

No. 434

*“ Jesus Shall Reign ”*

**\*\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God. WE WILL!**

**POSTLUDE**

*“ Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart ”* Gordon Young



## Prayer Requests

**Illness:** Shirley & Carl Spiker, Joshua Wilhelm, Cheri Himes, Janice, Charles Long, Roy Gilbert, Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Susie, Jim Bloom, Fred, Sara, Sandra, Darryl, Merrily Clark, Carl (Devin Swift's friend), Ann Lee Colaw, Dalton S., Hannah Sincell, Donna Hanlin, Joe Cook, Phillip, Terry Helbig, Cara Upole, David Lewis, Brittiny Bond, Mary, Bill, Christopher, Leloni Mills, John Burk, Rilee Alkire, Brenda Harvey, Jim Bennett, Linda, Bob

**Special Needs:** Mark Weeks, Amy Bacha, Riley, Eddie & Baby Ada, Jim, Chase, Gary Wotherspoon, Family and friends in Tennessee and North Carolina, Amanda, Caroline, Paul

## Upcoming Events

Today	Stewardship Sunday Worship & Music Team Meeting Food Waste Competition
Sunday, November 17	Adult Forum at 8:30am Fall Congregational Meeting after worship
Sunday, November 24	Christ the King Sunday Fair Trade Pairing Event

# Announcements

## **Reducing Food Waste Lunch & Competition**

On Sunday, November 10, following the worship service, all are invited to lunch in the social hall. We'll follow up on our earlier workshops about reducing the amount of food that we waste. Reducing the amount of food that we discard is an easy way we can help to limit greenhouse emissions causing climate change.

It's a potluck! Try using food that might otherwise go to waste. If you can't make something, don't worry; there will be plenty.

If you want, enter your dish in the Chopped Competition. Unlike the TV version, we won't be whipping up three courses in front of the judges in a ridiculously short time. Here are our more relaxed rules:

- 1) Make just one dish—anything from appetizer to dessert.
- 2) Use ingredients that satisfy at least two of these criteria:
  - a. something that is nearing its expiration date
  - b. something that has been languishing in the refrigerator or freezer
  - c. something that is leftover
  - d. something that you overbought

Make a label listing the ingredients from these categories. We'll have a people's choice award. Contact Marty (410.790.8649) or Mary (410.790.8648) Reisinger with any questions.

## **Fall Congregational Meeting**

A Congregational meeting will be scheduled after worship service on November 17. The sole agenda issue that the Congregation will be required to take action on is:

- Approval of the Council Recommended 2025 Unified Budget. Council Treasurer Jim Murray will provide a summary.

Monty Pagenhardt, President

## **Fair Trade Pairing Event**

Sunday, November 24, after worship service, we will be meeting downstairs for a closer look at the Equal Exchange Coffee. We are offering a pairing event which gives each of us an opportunity to try different coffee, tea, and chocolate bars that Equal Exchange offers with the Fair Trade items that different small farmers provide.



## November 10, 2024, 25th Sunday after Pentecost Mark 12:38-44

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you have taught us what it is to live in community with one another in sacrificial love. Give us hearts for service so that all might have their needs met, and be freed to give back for the good of others and of all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 12:43-44)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus condemned the scribes for their hypocrisy and exploitation of the widows. Then, when Jesus saw a poor widow putting her two small copper coins into the treasury, he told his disciples that her offering was larger than all those who offered out of their abundance.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What is the greatest example of love you have seen from a leader: Did it inspire others to love or to take advantage?
- We are to love our neighbor as ourselves—but do you love yourself? In the same way God loves you? How would loving yourself more fully help you love others?
- For the littles: How do you show love? God loves you so much!!!



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May you feel truly loved by the God that asks you to love as you are loved. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Work on loving yourself as God loves you. Each day of the week, write at least one thing to love about yourself. Make a list for others in your household, too!**



**Go Deeper:** Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 113; Genesis 24:1-10; 1 Timothy 5:1-8

Tuesday, Psalm 113; Genesis 24:11-27; 1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wednesday, Psalm 113; Genesis 24:28-42; Luke 4:16-30

Thursday, 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 1 Timothy 6:11-21

Friday, 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 2:18-21; Colossians 2:6-15

Saturday, 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-18; Mark 12:1-12

## St. Mark's Mission Statement

“United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,  
we invite all people to grow in God's love.”

### Church Calendar November 10, 2024 – November 17, 2024

#### Today

#### Stewardship Sunday

- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Worship & Music Team Meeting
- Reducing Food Waste Chop Challenge

#### Tuesday

- Yoga at 5:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

- Bell Quartet at 5:30 p.m.
- Bell Choir at 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.

#### Next Sunday

- Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m.
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Fall Congregational Meeting After Worship

### Serving Today

Acolyte:

Nicklaus Bennett

Lector:

Judy Bertsch

Organist:

Sean Beachy

Music Directors:

Sean & Debi Beachy

Recording:

Nicole Bosley

Safekeeper:

Liz Lewis

Ushers:

Terry Savage, Capt.

Carol Savage, Paul LeDuc, Donna Swift

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phone 443-974-1738 for any pastoral needs or concerns.



Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are dedicated by Peggy Jamison and Gayle Bachtel  
in memory of Bob Jamison's birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup> and  
in honor of Jr Jamison's birthday also November 10<sup>th</sup>.