

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

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

*Our Daily Ministers are The People of St. Mark's*

*Rev. Carrie Hoff, Pastor*

***WELCOME***

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

**October 13, 2024**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Order of Worship**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**      “Allemanda ” *A. Corelli/ arr. Kevin Norris*

**\*\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*\*\*Stand*

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

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have squandered your bountiful gifts. We have considered the blessings of the harvest our due. We have have been indifferent in planning and planting in the future needs of your church. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts, and wisdom to mature in our minds, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**\*\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**No. 625**

*“ Come, We That Love the Lord ”*

**\*\* 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

*Cantor*



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make



plow-shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

**\*\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



|   |      |         |       |         |        |        |      |        |      |       |
|---|------|---------|-------|---------|--------|--------|------|--------|------|-------|
| 1 | A    | -       | bove  | the     | hills  | the    | an   | -      | gel  | hosts |
| 2 | In   | heav'n, | on    | earth   | reigns | God    | Most | High,  |      |       |
| 3 | Sing | jus -   | tice, | mer -   | cy,    | joy,   | and  | peace, | sing |       |
| 4 | We   | wor -   | ship  | you,    | our    | thanks | we   | bring, |      |       |
| 5 | To   | Je -    | sus   | Christ, | God's  | Son,   | our  | Lord,  |      |       |



|       |     |       |     |       |     |       |       |       |      |        |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| glo - | ry! | Glo - | ry! | Glo - | ry! | God's | love  | is    | come | to     |
|       |     |       |     |       |     | Yet   | ten - | der - | ly   | God    |
|       |     |       |     |       |     | God's | own   | good  | will | grants |
|       |     |       |     |       |     | We    | bow   | be -  | fore | you    |
|       |     |       |     |       |     | The   | Lamb  | of    | God, | e -    |



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|-------|------|--------|------|-------|------------------------------|
| seek  | the  | lost.  |      |       |                              |
| hears | our  | cry.   |      |       |                              |
| sin's | re - | lease. | Give | glo - | ry to God in the high - est! |
| as    | we   | sing.  |      |       |                              |
| ter - | nal  | Word.  |      |       |                              |

## \*\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God, our provider, you grant us an abundant harvest so that your children throughout the world may be fed. Establish in us thankfulness and faithful stewardship, that we may return the first fruits of praise and use your gifts of field and livestock, tree and vine to fulfill the needs of the hungry and the sojourner; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### **PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17**

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

*Refrain: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**

**Be gracious to your servants. R**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us**

**and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,

and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;**

**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. R**

### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do

not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**\*\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



1 O God, whose word well-planted yields fruit a hundred-fold, we praise your graces granted to rain, at-tend the word we sow, lest its field will test with truth the proud-est that those who sowed of old, who by their witness plant-ing be in vain. Send show-ers of your hu-man work can yield. Op-pres-sion's blight will scat-tered good seed up-on the soil where Spir-it, bright sun-shine of your grace, that van-ish, fair free-dom's fruits in-crease; and oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered the har-vest of their toil. mul-ti-tudes who hear it your gos-pel may em-brace. love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

**\*\* GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these

since my youth.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”<sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”<sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!<sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”<sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,<sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Carrie Hoff

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

No. 685

*“ Take My Life, That I May Be ”*

**\*\* 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**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely (*especially*). Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land (*local Indigenous tribes or settlements may be named*). We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*“ My Shepherd Will Supply My Need ” w/flute duet*



**\*\* OFFERTORY HYMN**



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,  
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**\*\* OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

**\*\* PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join in adoring song:

**\*\* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Verses: Cantor or choir*



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the  
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes  
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and



scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the  
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels  
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts



tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

*Refrain: Assembly*



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



glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

**\*\* THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

**\*\* 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.**

**\*\* COMMUNION SONG**



1 We praise you for the life that stirs when  
2 We praise you for the sum - mer sun, for  
3 We sing your praise for au - tumn's glow, for  
4 We sing your praise through win - ter's night, when  
5 We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and



spring - time warms the sleep - ing earth; but  
rip'n - ing grain and length - ened days; but  
har - vest yield from spring - time seed; up -  
earth in fro - zen si - lence lies, for  
praise the Spir - it, with the throng of



most, we praise the you grace that lures our  
most, we praise you for the Son whose  
on our hearts your grace be - stow till  
prom - ise of re - turn - ing light, for  
saints and an - gels, joined as one in



slum - b'ring souls to love and mirth.  
light brings heal - ing in his rays.  
faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.  
life in Christ that nev - er dies.  
grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

# COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord's table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

## COMMUNION HYMN

No. 685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

### \*\* TABLE BLESSING

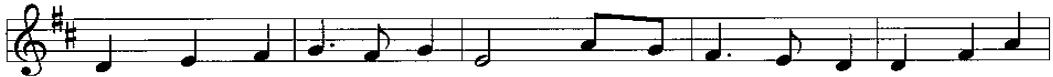
Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

Amen.

### \*\* POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -  
2 O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, where sor-rows are



vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ished our faith at your  
van-ished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your



ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your  
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your



face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the  
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the



vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in  
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in



wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and  
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the



plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.  
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

**\*\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*\* 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. 810

*“ O Jesus, I Have Promised ”*

**\*\* DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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



## 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

**Special Needs:** Mark Weeks, Amy Bacha, Riley, Eddie & Baby Ada, Jim, Chase, Gary Wotherspoon, Hurricane Victims

## Upcoming Events

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday, October 27  | Reformation Party        |
| Sunday, November 3  | All Saints Sunday        |
|                     | Fair Trade Pairing Event |
| Sunday, November 10 | Food Waste Competition   |

## Announcements

### **Pastor Vacation**

I will be on vacation from October 16th thru the 22nd as we celebrate our daughter's wedding in Colorado. During this time, I will be checking emails and voicemails as I'm able. For any immediate needs, please contact the church office, and Ellda will assist as necessary. Pastor Tom will be preaching on Sunday, October 20. Tim DeWitt will be leading Adult Forum that morning.

Pastor Carrie

### **Reformation Sunday**

We will celebrate the event that makes us Lutherans! On Sunday, October 27 after service, you are invited downstairs to fellowship with german inspired dishes and a couple fun games to recognize what Martin Luther accomplished in 1517. If you have any questions reach out to Pastor Carrie or Ellda.

### **All Saints Sunday**

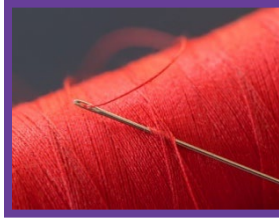
We will commemorate our departed saints on Sunday, November 3 during the 10 am worship service. If you have a name of a loved one that has died since the last All Saints Sunday, then please submit their name to the church office. If you have any questions reach out to Pastor Carrie or Ellda.



## **Special Offering – Lutheran Disaster Response**

Throughout October, we are collecting a special offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief to support those impacted by Hurricane Helene. Lutheran Disaster Response works with partners to provide immediate relief, such as water, food, clothing, and other essentials. They also offer long-term recovery, including case management, construction help, and emotional and spiritual care. To contribute, please mark your check with "Special Offering/Hurricane Helene" or place your donation in the "Special Mission" envelope found in the pew.





**October 13, 2024, 21st Sunday after Pentecost**

**Mark 10:17-31**

*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 speak to us and guide our ways through your word. Inspire us by the Holy Spirit to dig deep and be transformed by the love, grace, power, and wisdom we find in your scriptures, that we might, as changed people, carry forth your vision of peace and justice into our community and the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

*They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." (Mark 10:26-27)*



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

Jesus told his disciples that it was hard for the rich to enter God's kingdom and those who were willing to leave their valuables to follow God would be rewarded.



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

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Money can't buy happiness, but there is a certain level of income that studies have shown to offer stability, and therefore happiness. What amount of money does it take for a human to survive? How can we reconcile that with the notion that earthly possessions are not the way to eternal life?**
- **What would you struggle to give up if you were asked to?**
- **For the littles: What's your favorite toy? Could you give it away?**



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

**May God fill you with peace and the trust that you will be fulfilled in ways that far outreach our understanding. Amen.**



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

**Practice relying less on possessions. Go through your closets and pack at least one bag to donate. Challenge yourself to give up more than you might normally give up.**



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

Monday, Psalm 39; Job 26:1-14; Revelation 7:9-17

Tuesday, Psalm 39; Job 28:12-29:10; Revelation 8:1-5

Wednesday, Psalm 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31

Thursday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 36:1-16; Romans 15:7-13

Friday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 37:1-24; Revelation 17:1-18

Saturday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30

## St. Mark's Mission Statement

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

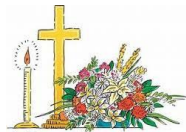
### Church Calendar October 13, 2024 – October 20, 2024

- Today** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.  
with Holy Communion
- 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.

### Serving Today

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Acolyte:           | Taylor Kitzmiller-Bosley                                     |
| Lector:            | Tim DeWitt   |
| Organist:          | Sean Beachy  |
| Music Directors:   | Sean & Debi Beachy   |
| Communion Pourers: | Nicole Bosley & Ashley Kitzmiller                            |
| Recording:         | Renate Murray  |
| Safekeeper:        | Nicole Bosley  |
| Ushers:            | Terry Savage, Capt.<br>Carol Savage, Paul LeDuc, Donna Swift |

Pastor Carrie can be reached by email at [carriehoff@outlook.com](mailto:carriehoff@outlook.com) or  
phone 443-974-1738 for any pastoral needs or concerns.



Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given in the Glory to God for all our blessings  
by Nancy & Monty Pagenhardt.

