

# Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*November 21, 2021*

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe". Feel free to bring it to your pew. We invite children to make themselves at home at our children's table where there are weekly activity bulletins. Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15am. As always, the link to our live/recorded YouTube channel is available on our website, [stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org)

## PRELUDE

Instrumental

## OPENING MUSIC "Near the Cross"

*Please Stand*

*Masked singing encouraged*

*music by William H Doane, lyrics by Fanny J. Crosby*

Jesus, keep me near the cross  
There's a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

*Refrain:*

In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross, a trembling soul  
Love and mercy found me  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me

*Refrain*

## ACCLAMATION

**ALL:** Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in us the fire of your love.

**ALL:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Samuel 23:1-7

*Please be seated*

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:  
The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.  
The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,

is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.  
Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.  
Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?  
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;  
to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.  
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 132:1-13

Lord, remember David,  
and all the hardships he endured;  
**How he swore an oath to the Lord**  
**and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:**  
"I will not come under the roof of my house,"  
nor climb up into my bed;  
**I will not allow my eyes to sleep,**  
**nor let my eyelids slumber;**  
Until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

**"The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.**

Let us go to God's dwelling place;  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

**Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.**

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.

**For your servant David's sake,  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.**

The Lord has sworn an oath to David;  
in truth, he will not break it:

**"A son, the fruit of your body  
will I set upon your throne.**

If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

### THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Continued...*

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Halle Halle Hallelujah” *sung 2x*

*Please stand Music and lyrics by Traditional Caribbean. Arranged by Mark Sedio*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*John 18:33-37*

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "This I Believe"

*by Matthew Philip Crocker and Benjamin David Fielding*

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One  
God Al-mighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender, Suffered and cruci-fied  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection, When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

### SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*Please be seated*

*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on the Prayer Board during the music. Please stay socially distant.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need. We especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_ . Blanket them with your healing and hope.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

CLOSING COLLECT: Into your care, O God we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Eucharistic Ministers bring the elements and offering to the altar.*

MUSIC "Let All Things Know Living"

*Please stand and sing*

*Music by Ash Grove, Lyrics by Katherine Davis*

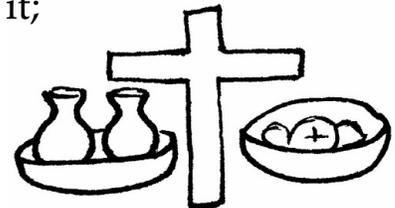
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly who raise,  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us  
who still guides us on til the end of our days  
God's banners are o'er us  
His light goes before us  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night  
Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

IN-GATHERING PRAYER

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**ALL: We ask you to lift our hearts as we give thanks for all you do**

Gracious God, you made the world and all that is in it;  
you made this day and we rejoice in it!  
For this is the day your prophets testified about  
when you destroy the shroud of death  
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.



You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,  
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power  
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,  
with earth, sea and sky, with angels and archangels who envelop us,  
with all the saints before us and beside us,  
with sisters and brothers, east and west, north and south,

And with loved ones, separate from us now, who yet,  
in this mystery are close to us,

We join in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity:

*(sing)*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy**

**Holy Lord God of hosts**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, of the lord**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open deep the tomb of our pain, calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your Spirit, that broods over the deep, stirs our hearts, who comforts and confounds. Your Spirit, that animates all of creation - plants, animals, and all of us. Your Spirit, that dwells in each of us.

On the night when he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

**“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**“Drink this all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these earthly things,  
this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us your body and blood,  
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Anoint us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your  
presence in each and every person.

**By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all  
honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

*(sing)*

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation.**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**

The feast of life has been prepared for you -  
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*All are welcome to receive communion.*

*Please be seated. Our Eucharistic Ministers will come to you. As they approach, please stand if you are able. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms in front of you.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC    "I am the Bread of Life"

*By Suzanne Toolan*

I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me shall not hunger;  
he who believes in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw him.

*Refrain:*

And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live for ever,  
he shall live for ever.

*Refrain*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace. Tend to your spirit and our city.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## SMSJ WEEKLY CALENDAR (November 21, 2021 - November 27, 2021)

### **Monday**

6pm Vestry Meeting

### **Tuesday**

9:30am Food Shelf Prep & Foodlink Delivery (Bob V)

### **Wednesday**

9:30am Morning Healing Eucharist

10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry (Bob and Paula V)

12pm Freedom Scholars, CCE, and SMSJ partner meeting

### **Thursday** *Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving*

10:00am Thanksgiving Service

### **2022 Pledge Campaign**

We have received over \$75,000 in pledges so far this year, bringing close to the end of our \$95,000 campaign. There are paper pledge forms available or you can pledge online by clicking the "Giving" button and then the "Make a Pledge" button. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Bible Study**

Bible study is cancelled for this week as the administrative office will be closed for Thanksgiving. Join us next week on December 2nd at 7:00pm to continue studying the Book of Acts. A zoom link will be available on our website.

## **Food Shelf Volunteers Needed**

We need some help if we are going to be able to continue offering a weekly Food Shelf for our neighbors. Here are some dates we need coverage:

Tuesday, Dec. 7, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Dec. 2, Unload truck, unpack food, set-up for baggers (9am)

Tuesday, Dec. 21, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Dec. 28, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Jan. 4, Unload truck, unpack food, set-up for baggers (9am)

Tuesday, Jan. 4, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Tuesday, Jan. 11, Bag food (afternoon/evening)

Interested in more information or signing up? Contact Paula Valeri at [pdvaleri@gmail.com](mailto:pdvaleri@gmail.com)

## **Weekly Worship Email**

Look out on Fridays for our weekly Sunday Service reminder email! It will include links to the live stream, our Youtube channel, and this week's bulletins. If you aren't receiving it in your inbox, check your spam and promotional folders.

## **Garden Volunteer Opportunities**

We would love some additional help getting our gardens ready for winter. The Denver Training garden is in particular need of attention. Please email [clouthangreen@stmarksandstjohns.org](mailto:clouthangreen@stmarksandstjohns.org) with any questions and interest.

## **Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings**

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer. First names will be shared during the Prayers of the People. If you would like to include any of these names on our regular prayer list, please email Terri Censak at [scensak@frontiernet.net](mailto:scensak@frontiernet.net).

## **Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister, please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. The November and December schedule is attached. If you are unable to serve a particular weekend, please find a replacement and let Pastor Cindy know.

## **Monthly E-Newsletter**

If you have not been receiving our monthly E-Newsletter and you would like to, please add your name and email address to the list on the clipboard in the Narthex.

## **2022 Nominations Open**

The following positions are open for nominations:

- 1 Co-Warden, 2-year term
- 1 Vestry, 2-year term
- 2 Vestry, 3-year term
- 1 Delegate to Convention, 3-year term
- 1 Alternate Delegate to Convention, 1-year term

Nomination forms are available on the table near the coffee station.

## Worship Leaders for November and December of 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson and Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<b>Hold Cup Tray</b>	<b>Give Single Cup</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
10/31	Tom F	Mary E	Stephanie S	Char K	Sharon K	Joe C
11/7	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Mary E	Terri C	April L
11/14	Paula V	Walt S	Samantha G	Stephanie S	LaVonne N	Tom F
11/21	Kathy J	Bob V	Michele H	Heather G	Mary Ellen F	Deb S
11/28	Bob C	Deb S	Joe C	Dorothy B	Kathy J	Bob C
12/5	Bob C	Terri C	LaVonne N	Sharon K	Joe C	Char K
12/12	Mary E	Stephanie S	Tom F	Terri C	Mary E	Children
12/19	Mary Ellen F	Sharon K	Heather G	LaVonne N	Tom F	Stephanie S
12/24	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V	Mary Ellen F	Deb S	Heather G
12/26	Bob V	Michele H	Kathy J	Walt S	Samantha G	Paula V
1/2	Joe C	Bob C	Deb S	Michele H	Nancy W	Dorothy B
1/9	LaVonne N	Kathy J	Terri C	Bob C	Dorothy B	Children