

Welcome  
Prelude  
Pages 94-96 Confession and Forgiveness  
660 Lift High the Cross  
Let us pray

First Corinthians 1:18-24

Psalm 98:1-4 *with a sung refrain after each verse*

Children's Message  
*(we stand)*

Gospel Acclamation Hymn 857 Lord, I lift your  
name on high  
Holy Gospel: John 3:13-17  
*(we are seated)*

Homily  
*(we stand)*

Hymn 651 Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

Blessing of the Crosses

Offering / Anthem: Blessed Assurance arr.  
Christopher Brown (Catherine Tyree clarinet solo)

Prayers of Intercession

*(we stand)*  
Page 206 Great Thanksgiving  
Page 207 Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Words of Institution  
Page 207 Amen, Amen, Amen  
Lord's Prayer *(we sing)*

Holy Communion at the foot of the cross

Blessing and Benediction  
Hymn 335 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross  
Take up your cross. Go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

### Today

- + CONNECT groups for all ages  
in the FLC, Adult 1 in the  
conference room
- + 3pm- Bowling Fundraiser for  
Food for Days at Victory  
Lanes

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ  
crucified and risen. Welcome to all those  
who "bear on their brows the seal of him  
who died" (Hymn Lift High the Cross).  
Thank you for your presence in worship  
today. The cross of Christ is the most  
important symbol for Christianity. For  
centuries, Christians have dedicated  
September 14 as a day to honor the cross  
as a sign of our salvation.*



*The altar flowers are  
given by Mark Relyea  
to celebrate the  
birthdays of Abbey &  
Nicky (9/14),  
Annette (9/13) and  
Mark & Annette's  
41st Wedding*

### Prayer Concerns

*St. Mark's Members:* Ruth Ann Swart, Lya Wills, Peter Cuocolo, Bill Swart, Bobbie Meadows, Mary Jo Pless, Diana Keck, Barbara Beidler, Carissa Abraham, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

*St. Mark's Friends & Family:* 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, Jocelyn Bracken (leukemia), Sue Wilson (Michelle Corbett's mother), Bleier family, Kristi (friend of Nancy Tyree), Sandra Davis, Rick Barger (friend of Kathy Jo McLean), Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Ronnie & kids, Emma (15- Hodgkins Lymphoma), Keith LaPrelle (nephew of Karen Pettit), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), Deane Avett (Cora Lee Pless' cousin), Corrie Marsh (friend of Cora Lee Pless), James Nicholson (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Steve Belton (brother of Malinda Little), Lisa Castinado (friend of Mark Relyea), Rhodes Karriker (nephew of Pastor Dave), Timmy Lopez (nephew of Mark & Annette Relyea), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Carl Smith (relative of Tyree family), 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), Margaret Hudson (friend of Cora Lee Pless), Clark 'Tiger' LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin)

*St Mark's Military Members:* Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman.

*Condolences:* We extend our Christian Sympathy to the families of: Rev. David Keck, Sr. at the death of his brother George Keck, Sept. 1; to Lisa and Jerry Harper at the death of his mother, Sept. 5; and the Warren family at the death of their daughter, Alice.

Shepherd of the Week: Gwen Sink

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Next Sunday, September 21

- + 8:30am Worship
- + 9:30am CONNECT for all ages in the FLC, Adult 1 in the conference room
- + 10:30am Worship (Livestreamed)

### Sunday, September 28

- + 8:30am Worship
- + 9:30am CONNECT groups for all ages in the FLC; Adult 1 in the conference room
- + 10:30am Worship (Livestreamed)

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Tuesday

12:30pm Hands On

#### Wednesday

10am Bible Study

5:30pm Dinner & Devotions

6pm Handbells

7pm Adult Choir

#### Thursday

7pm Beer & Bible

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**4th-6th graders** are invited to SERVE group in the FLC every 1st Sunday during CONNECT hour.

**Hands On- White Sheet Drive** to make bandages. Please leave your donation of flat or fitted WHITE sheets in the pews.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** with Pastor Dave at 10am in the conference room. September study: "Bible Villains" (No meeting Sep 24)

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

**COUNT ME IN!** with my energy skills and donations. We will have service and ministry opportunity sign-ups in September and October. Financial commitment Sunday will be November 7.

**Beer & Bible** Thursday, September 25, 7pm at On Tap, 188 N Main St. Biblical discussion and fellowship.

**WELCA** Martha Circle meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the conference room. All women are invited!

**Food for Days** September item of the month: Pop-tarts. 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? Join us Friday, September 19 at 6pm at Barcelona Burger and Beer Garden- 500 S Main St, Mooresville. Contact Kristie Ward with questions- 704-807-6155 or rkwards93@yahoo.com.

**The Funeral Committee** is looking for a few more team members. With 10 members on each of the 5 teams, no one serves frequently. Our menus are very simple so not a lot of time is required. Even working members are able to serve. This service is a compassionate service for our grieving families. Please call Marilyn Boardman 704-663-7156 or E-mail marilyn203@gmail.com.

**Acolyte Training** for youth 4th grade and up. October 5 at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

**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.

**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.

**Fellowship Group** Thursday, September 18, 12pm, Lunch in the FLC. Senior 55+ members are invited every 3rd Thursday. Bring a dish to share. See you there!