



**ST MARK'S**  
Episcopal Church

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9**

**July 8, 2018**

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**8 A.M. Sunday Worship with Communion**

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so that all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices with audible alarms should be turned off prior to the service.*

**THE RT. REV. LARRY BENFIELD, BISHOP**  
**THE REV. DR. JOSHUA DANIEL, DEACON - IN - CHARGE**

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**Welcome** to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, we are glad you are here! Please complete a Visitor card and place it in the offering plate. St. Mark's is a traditional church for contemporary people and we believe that God's love is for everyone. This is an open-minded congregation where we actively seek, question and wonder about our faith. We also believe that we are the hands of Christ, and mission work within our community is a vital part of what we do here.

### **AN OPEN TABLE**

All are welcome to receive communion here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the minister know when you are at the altar rail. You are invited to come forward and kneel as you are able to receive the bread. You may drink from the cup or take the wine by "intinction," or dipping the wafer into the cup. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN**

Liturgy of the Word for Children is held at 10 a.m. for children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in our smaller John Roberts Chapel. Children enter our Nave during the processional hymn and return from the chapel during the Peace so that they may share the Eucharist with their families. Liturgy of the Word for Children is a special time for these children, and they sing, pray, craft and hear the Gospel.

**FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Children in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet at 6 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, then split up by age. Classes end at 7:30 p.m. Youth in grades 7-12 meet at 5:30pm on Wednesdays.

### **NURSERY SERVICES**

The nursery is located in the short hallway between the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Nursery is provided for children birth through age 3 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The friendly, two-room nursery suite is staffed by a wonderful group of compassionate caregivers who are church members and mothers, too!

### **RESTROOMS**

Are located to the left of the main entrance, through the Parish Offices door.

### **COFFEE BAR**

In between the services, enjoy a cup of coffee at our coffee bar, located in the front left corner of the Narthex. Additional church information about our ministries and upcoming events can be found there as well.

### **OUR SERVICES**

Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays (Nave)

Compline Service at 6:30 p.m. Sundays (John Roberts Chapel)

Healing Eucharist at 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays (John Roberts Chapel)

### **JOINING**

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's, please let us know on the Welcome Card.

### **DIGITAL BULLETINS AND WI-FI ACCESS**

Digital bulletins are available; to download please visit <http://stmj.us>. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

# THE WORD OF GOD

*All standing, the Officiant says*

*Officiant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Officiant then continues*

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.

*The Officiant and people say*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Proper 9

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST LESSON A reading from Ezekiel 2: 1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*

to you enthroned in the heavens.

**2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \***

**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*

until he show us his mercy.

**4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \***

**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*

and of the derision of the proud.

### SECOND LESSON A Reading from 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a

person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-14

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER**

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

# ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS

*All:* All things come of thee O Lord, and of Thine Own have we given Thee

*The Officiant says*

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*People and Officiant*

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,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

*Deacon:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Our table is open to all who seek to experience God's grace. At the invitation of the ushers, please come to the communion rail by the center aisle and kneel or stand to receive the elements.*

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Altar flowers this week are given by Steve and Frannie Replogle to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of their granddaughters, Lily and Olive.*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Today Sunday

8:00am Sunday Worship with Communion  
10:00am Sunday Worship with Communion  
6:30pm Compline

**Wed** 6:15pm Healing Eucharist in Chapel

**Sat** 9:30am ECW  
10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 1

## SAVE THE DATE

**Jul 18 -** Choir Rehearsals resume  
**Jul 29 -** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday breakfast  
**VBS -** Monday July 30 - Thursday August 2

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

7/11 Amy Pearce  
7/13 Sheila Guinn  
7/14 Blake Coe

### Anniversaries

7/9 Andy & Marian Peeler  
7/10 Ryan & Jacquelyn Boyd

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Camp Mitchell Scholarships** It's that time of year again! We would love for all of our young folks who want to attend camp to have that opportunity, so our fundraising efforts have begun! EYC will have fundraisers in the coming weeks and months, but if you would like to contribute to a camp scholarship or sponsor a child, it's easy! You simply make the check out to St. Mark's with "camp scholarship" in the memo line. *We are grateful for all of your investment in our youth!*



**Vacation Bible School:** Please save the date for St. mark's Vacation Bible School Program. VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 30 through Thursday, August 2. We will meet from 9am to noon. Our theme is SonWest Roundup. Registrations forms are located on the table in the Narthex. Please pray and see what role you can have to help make VBS a reality for our parish. We will need folks to help create murals and props for Son WEst the week before VBS begins. We will also need volunteers to help during the week of VBS. Please contact Rose Mary ([rosemarylatancih@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarylatancih@gmail.com)) or 935-0236 to volunteer or for more information.

**\* Please start saving card board tubes from wrapping paper, paper towels, and toilet paper tubes for VBS. There will be container in the narthex for the collection of the card board tubes. Thank you, Rose Mary**

**WEEKLY REPORT**

Last week # 26	
Actual Offering	\$ 6,465.70
Needed for Budget	\$ 5,343.00
Surplus (Shortage)	\$ 1,122.70
Current Cash	\$ 90,504.62
Loan Balance	\$ 141,747.26

07/01/2018	
Actual Income	\$ 139,622.70
Budgeted	\$ 138,918.00
Surplus (Shortage)	\$ 704.70

food pantry \$ 47.00

**Helping Neighbors Food Pantry** Thank you for your donations of \$47 and 45 lbs. of food this week. Your continued support is a blessing to many families!

Online giving also available by scanning here, using the [Tithe.ly](http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org) mobile app, or going to <http://give.stmarksjonesboro.org>



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### Today's Worship Leaders:

**Deacon-in-Charge:** The Rev. Dr. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** JoAnn Steed and Hope Smith

**Lectors:** Lise Cater and Jarvis Brodie

**Intercessor:** Phillip Wells

**Ushers:** Steve Replogle, Carroll Scroggin, and Austin Zamora

**Vergers:** Katherine Wren

**Acolytes:** Donald Mankin

**Eucharistic Visitor:** Brandon Haynes

**Greeters:** Steve and Frannie Replogle/ Tom and Kassie Haynes

**Liturgy of the Word for Children:** Sara and Patrick Land

**Vestry Counters:** Yvonne Nipper, Carol Neves, and Tasha Weeks

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