



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21

September 30, 2018

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 5th 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 6th 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.

ADULT FORMATION AT 9:00AM SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE PARISH HALL This is an Adult Education Group that allows us to engage in conversation, reflect on the diverse points of scripture and go deeper into our faith.

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 forever. 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 says

Holy God,
Holy and Might,
Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Proper 21

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 FIRST LESSON A reading from Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a

sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-14 *Caeli enarrant* *Read responsively by whole verse.*

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *

and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *

cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;* then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND LESSON A Reading from James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.

Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Joshua Daniel, Ph.D.

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:

Officiant : Let us pray.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin(s) another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their 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**

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant : Let us pray.

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

POST COMMUNION 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.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

8:00am Sunday Worship with Communion
5th Sunday Breakfast in the Parish Hall in between 8 am and 10 am Service
 9:00am Adult Formation/ in the Parish Hall
 10:00am Sunday Worship with Communion
 11:30am Daughters of the King
 3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6:30pm Compline

Wed 5:30pm EYC
 6:00pm Christian Ed
 6:15pm Healing Eucharist in Chapel
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 6:00pm NEABC Meeting in the Parish Hall

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 3

SAVE THE DATE

Sat.- Oct 6 Church Work Day
Sun. Oct 7 Blessing of the Animals
Sat.- Oct 20 11:00am Father Joshua's Ordination at the
 Cathedral in Little Rock
Wed. Oct 24 Treats from the Trunk

Sat. Oct 27

St. Mark's Annual Shrimp Boil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

10/02 Carolyn Sue McDoniel

10/03 Karen Olsen

Anniversaries

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Our Children We are now inviting the children to take a more active role in the church's offering. We're asking our kids to bring a can of food or some other non-perishable item so that during the offertory they can bring the food to altar as an offering. We'll then donate the food to Helping Neighbors. So if you have a child, help remind them to bring a can of food!

Parishioners: *If you know of someone who is in the hospital, ill, injured, or elderly and they would like to receive home Communion or a visit, please let the church office know. 932-2124*

Volunteers for The Altar Guild Altar Guild is a volunteer group of parish members whose ministry is to prepare the sanctuary for services and to clean up afterwards. This is a very special ministry. We will begin organizing new teams and training soon. Please contact a member of Altar Guild if you are interested in becoming a member. Thank you. Adele Barnett 870-974-1078 adelebarnett78@gmail.com

If Church Work Day isn't your thing! We have a great solution for you and a way you can still be involved. Our St. Mark's EYC kids are looking forward to Youth Retreat at Camp Mitchell this fall. We have 12 youths who are eager to attend and the cost is \$120 per child. If Church Work Day on Oct. 6th isn't your thing, or maybe you will be out of town, you can sponsor an EYC youth to come and work in your place! You may also consider just making a donation to help out with cost of the retreat. You can make a donation to St. Mark's and write "Scholarship EYC" in the memo line of your check. Thanks for all your support of EYC!

EYC - We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5-7pm.. ***Thank you to those of you who have provided a meal for EYC. If you are willing to provide a meal for EYC, please contact me or the office.*** If you are interested in our Youth Group you can call or text me with any questions 870-340-5559. Mat & Stephanie

Jonesboro Community Thanksgiving Dinner Churches from all over Jonesboro come together each year to provide a meal to the hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Last year we served 1,825 total meals. Traditionally St. Mark's has contributed money to purchase cranberry sauce for this event, the cost to provide cranberry sauce is around \$400.00. We would love to do this again. If you would like to help with a donation, please make a note on the memo line of your check, or on your envelope for "*Community Thanksgiving Dinner*"

WEEKLY REPORT

Last week # 38		Through 09/23/2018	
Actual Offering	\$2,251.42	Actual Income	\$184,921.21
Needed for Budget	\$5,340.00	Budgeted	\$202,920.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$3,088.58	Surplus (Shortage)	-\$17,998.79
Current Cash	\$62,071.66	Food Pantry	\$110.00
Loan Balance	\$139,683.09	Two Saints	\$131.62

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations of \$110 and 124 lbs. of food this week. Your continued support is a blessing to many families!

Things to Donate to Helping Neighbors: cereal, cereal bars, peanut butter, canned goods, kid's canned goods such as ravioli , spaghetti and meatballs. and other food items. Clients can also use personal hygiene items like soap, shampoo, laundry detergent and cleaners. We also redistribute used books, small toys, and used magazines.

Helping Neighbors News: Volunteers Needed

The Helping Neighbors Food Pantry needs volunteers:

Team of 2 to pick up from Aldi's on Saturday at 10:30am 2 times per month. On the job training provided. Need to be able to lift 20lbs.

To help fill shifts when regular volunteers are out. It would be about 2 hours each week and likely 2 times per month. You would be called to see if your schedule allows for that time period. On the job training provided. Please contact Andrea Levy at alevy5816@gmail.com or at 505-903-9293.

Two Saints Kitchen On Sept. 22, 2018 we served Spaghetti, green beans, cornbread, and bananas tp 45 guest, and 16 to go plates!

FYI If you shop at Kroger and have Kroger Card you can add Two Saints Kitchen Inc. to your Community Rewards. The amount you spend is tabulated and Kroger donates a portion back to groups in the community. To do this: access your card's profile and look on the left for the "Community Rewards" tab, enter the enrollment number for Two Saints. Inc. : UY029. Thank you for helping feed the hungry in Jonesboro!

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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