



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 19

September 15, 2019

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*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, PRIEST

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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 9:30 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

The Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

All 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A Reading from Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51: 1-11

Miserere mei, Deus

Read responsively by whole verse

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joshua Daniel

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant: From our very first days, the prophets have taught us to speak to the Lord, to bring our prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings and lay them at the feet of God; and Jesus himself taught that anyone who asks in the name of the Lord will receive; that when we knock at God's door, it will be opened. So let us pray, let us search out the will of God and be transformed by the renewing of the Spirit stirring in our midst.

Leader: We pray for the Church, the great cloud of witnesses who have testified and continue to testify to the power of your Word from century to century in countless places and tongues; fill the Church, disbursed to the four corners of the earth, with courage and strength to speak in your Name.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Leader: We pray for our nation. We pray for Donald our president, Asa our governor, Harold our mayor, and all those charged with administering justice and peace. Let us, a people with many differences, be united in cords of human kindness and bands of love and may we never grow weary in doing what is right.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Leader: We pray for all people no matter their nationality, or ethnicity, or faith. Draw us together, as a mother who cares for her children, and protect us from war, floods, famine, and anything else that threatens the dignity of your created order. May we be faithful stewards of this earth and all that live in it.

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Leader: We pray for this parish and the work you have given us to do. Fill us with spiritual wisdom and understanding so that we may be One Body nourished and held together by the mystery of Christ in our midst. We pray Michael our Presiding Bishop, Larry our bishop, and Joshua our priest. We pray for all the lay ministers of this church and for the ministry they carry with them wherever they go. We thank you for all your gifts to us .

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Leader: Lord you have promised that if we offer our food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted your light shall rise in the darkness, that you will make our bones strong, and that we will become like a watered garden. May we share the gift of time with those in need of care and affection

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Leader: Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation and the firstborn from the dead; he himself is before all things, and in him all things hold

together; and so, in his name, we pray for those who have died that they may all share a place in his God's kingdom.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord. **May we boast in nothing except the cross.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people. You know our needs before we ask; strengthen us to receive all that is in your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The 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 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.

GREETINGS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

People: All things come of thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.

The people remain standing.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for [all] for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mark, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: 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

All are invited to share in the bread and wine of holy communion. To receive the bread, place one hand in the other with palms up and extend them to the minister distributing the bread. To receive the wine, please assist the minister with the cup, grasping the base and guiding the cup to your lips; or you may dip the bread in the cup. If you choose not to receive the bread or the wine but instead receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant 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.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; in the name of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Flowers of the altar today are in honor of Wes and Sue Westenrieder's Anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

9/15 Isabel Welch

9/16 Heather McNamee

9/17 David Kroeter

Anniversaries

9/17 Adam and Whitney Lindley

9/17 Wes and Sue Westenrieder

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday/ Rally Day

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Adult Formation

10:00am Holy Eucharist

*Rally Day and Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall with Potluck

3:30pm Handbells

5:00pm EfM

6:30pm Compline

Wed 6:00pm- 7:00pm Christian Ed

6:15pm Healing Eucharist

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thurs 5:00pm Men's Club - Announcement Below

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 15 - Rally Day

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rally Day/Ministry Fair / Potluck- Sunday, September 15 2019 - Rally Day is an exciting time at St. Mark's. It is a day where we all gather and enjoy a meal and fellowship and welcome the start of another year of ministry. We have a bouncy house for the children in the courtyard and our nursery will be extended through lunch time. Bring a dish for potluck.

Discover which ministry is right for you!

A very special thank you to our Men's Club for providing fried chicken for our potluck today!



Men's Club will meet Thursday, September 19 at Sage Meadows for our twice-yearly golf outing. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Golf begins at 5:00pm and we will meet in the Sage Meadows Club House afterwards for food and drinks and fellowship. If you don't want to golf, come out around 6:30 and eat with us! Perry Moses, Men's Club President

Greeters- We have a need for more greeters on Sunday mornings, if you would like to serve as a greeter , contact Steve Replogle at stephen.replogle@gmail.com

Church Photo Albums: We are looking for a person or persons to keep up the St. Mark's Photo Album that documents our Parish Life. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Janice Kroeter or Dana in the office. Supplies will be provided. Contact Janice Kroeter at djkroeter@yahoo.com

Financial Peace University Class Stressed about your personal finances? Come change your family tree around money with Financial Peace University. Cathy Guidry will be facilitating a course group on Tuesday evenings this Fall. You can register for the course and get the bundle of class materials at

<https://www.daveramsey.com/store/financial-peace-university> Groups meet once a week for nine weeks to watch and discuss each video lesson together. Each week, groups typically meet for about 90 minutes. What if I miss one week of my group? No biggie! You can watch the lesson you missed from your online account. However, you must attend eight of the nine weeks to qualify for a graduation certificate.

Parishioners: If you ,or anyone you know is in the hospital, ill, injured, elderly. or would just like to receive a visit, a phone call, or they would like to receive home Communion, please let the church office know. We would love to minister to them.



Two Saints Kitchen Two Saints Kitchen On Sept. 7, 2019 Team #1 served 55 guests, deli sandwiches, chips, fruit, and cookies, with many to go plates . We want to give a big thank you to Conley Ferguson - Meyering and Southland for donating all of the food for Two Saints Kitchen this

week!

For Our Children *Reminder:* Please have your child bring a non perishable food item so the can participate and have an active role in the church's offering. All donations go to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. Also, if you would like to help provide non perishable food items for the children's offering, please let Rose Mary know. This is a great way to make sure that a child is not left out during the offering, in case they forget their food item at home.



Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations of 176 pounds this week . **New need : at the food pantry for macaroni and cheese, spaghetti noodles, and other types of pasta and cereal, peanut butter, & coffee .** Also, **shampoo, soaps and lotion, etc. ,** this makes a great donation for Helping Neighbors. Thank you for all of the donations! **Request- reusable shopping bags, many clients carry their groceries home and sturdy bags would help.** You can help provide affected communities with immediate and long-term support.

Please contribute to our Hurricane Relief Fund at support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

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



WEEKLY FINANCIALS

Last week # 36		09/08/2019	
Attendance	105	Actual Income	\$139,967.09
Actual Offering	\$2,647.42	Needed for Budgeted Exp	\$200,898.00
Needed for Budget	\$5,624.00	Surplus (Shortage)	-\$60,930.91
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$2,976.58		
Current Cash	\$30,193.68	Food Pantry	\$0.00
Loan Balance	\$132,054.90	Two Saints	\$84.84

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