



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16

August 26, 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.

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). The 10 a.m. sermon is posted online every week.

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 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 16

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:15-22

Benedicam Dominum

Read responsively by whole verse.

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *

and those who hate the righteous will be /punished.

**22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

SECOND LESSON A Reading from Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

John 6: 56-69

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

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon

Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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.**

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of our daughter Adriane Duke's birthday by Terry and Adele Barnett and also In honor of our daughter Becky and son-in-law Frank's birthdays by Steve and Frannie Replogle

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 breaking of this bread and the pouring of this wine; 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.

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

10:00am Sunday Worship with Communion

* Information meeting for Children's Chapel Volunteers following late service

11:30am Daughters of the King Meet

6:30pm Compline

Wed 5:30pm EYC

6:15pm Healing Eucharist in Chapel

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 8

SAVE THE DATE

*Today	Info. meeting for Children's Chapel Volunteers following late service
Wed. Sept 5	Christian Ed Open House 6pm -7pm
Sat. Sept 8	ECW- Potluck Brunch & Meeting at 10 am in the Conference Rm
Sat. Sept 8	Parent's Night Out 5pm-9pm: Contact Stephanie Matthews 870-340-5559 to sign up or more info./EYC Fundraiser
Sun. - Sept 9	St. Mark's Rally Day
Sun. - Sept 16	Adult Formation Begins at 9am
Sat.- Oct 6	Church Work Day
Sat.- Oct 20	Father Joshua's Ordination at the Cathedral in Little Rock @11am

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

8/27 Marya Langford	8/28 Michael Langford	8/31 Gerald McGough
8/27 Alice Lynch	8/30 Scott Darwin	8/31 Kitty Thompson
8/28 Suzanne Blackburn	8/30 Amelia Guinn	8/31 Laura Thompson
8/28 Adriane Duke	8/31 Amber Johnson	9/01 Gary Griffin

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgy of the Word with Children We are looking for responsible teens and adults to volunteer with our Liturgy of the Word with Children ministry. Liturgy of the Word with Children is celebrated on Sunday mornings during the 10am Holy Eucharist Service. This is an opportunity for children to hear the scheduled Gospel reading in language and terms that children can understand. On Sunday, August 26 after the late service we will have an information meeting for Liturgy of the Word for Children volunteers. We look forward to the loving service that you provide for our St. Mark's Children.

Elementary Christian Education will resume with an **Open House on Wednesday, September 5 from 6 to 7pm.** This will be a time to welcome new and returning families to St. Mark's Christian Education program. Parents and students will gather in St. Mark's hall for the Open House where light refreshments will be served. Contact Rose Mary (rosemarylatanich@gmail.com) for more info.

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

🎵🎵🎵 Choir Announcement- As the new academic year begins, the music department is also resuming rehearsals. Big things are planned for both the choir and handbells: the Rutter Requiem, State Handbell Festival, Advent and Christmas Eve services in addition to a musical offering every Sunday. Both of the choirs are full of great people who enjoy getting together to worship and make music (and have waaaay too much fun). If you would like to join either of these groups, let Rhonda know. No previous musical experience is required to worship God through music.

EYC - As a parish, St. Mark's sent 10 children to camp this year on scholarships. We are beyond thankful for all of your support and we are impressed by your kindness to our

EYC kids. It is an honor to be part of St. Mark's in Jonesboro! We will resume our weekly meeting on Wednesday, August 22 at 5-7pm. We will serve pizza and talk about our summer and make plans for our upcoming year in 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. Thank you,
Mat and Stephanie

WEEKLY REPORT

Last week # 33		08/19/2018	
Actual Offering	\$2,239.42	Actual Income	\$168,178.12
Needed for Budget	\$5,343.00	Budgeted	\$176,319.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$3,103.58	Surplus (Shortage)	-\$8,140.88
Current Cash	\$76,709.51	Food Pantry	\$50.00
Loan Balance	\$140,246.27	Two Saints	\$ -

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations of \$50 and 94 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.

Two Saints Kitchen On August 18, 2018 we served spaghetti to 59 guest! We actually ran out of food, because we served seconds and made peanut butter sandwiches!

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



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