



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18

September 9, 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

www.StMarksJonesboro.org

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 18

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON A reading from Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 14 *Lauda, anima mea* *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.**

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise forever;

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON A Reading from James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7: 24-37

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

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first,

for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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 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.

Flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory and honor of God by Gary and Rose Mary Latanich in celebration of their wedding Anniversary and in honor of Bill Keisker's Birthday by his family.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

- 8:00am Sunday Worship with Communion
10:00am Sunday Worship with Communion
Rally Day! Potluck lunch to follow the late service with Ministry fair and bouncy house for the kids.
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

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

SAVE THE DATE

- 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

09/09 Bill Keisker
09/09 Win Robinson

09/09 Mary Cathryn Walker
09/15 Emily Pierce

Anniversaries

09/09 Gary and Rose Mary Latanich

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day Join us for potluck, ministry fair, and fellowship in the Parish Hall after the late service today. We will have a bouncy house for the kiddos in the courtyard. We look forward to seeing each of you!

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 - It is an honor to be part of St. Mark's in Jonesboro! We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5-7pm.. ***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 # 35		09/02/2018	
Actual Offering	\$3,832.28	Actual Income	\$175,006.00
Needed for Budget	\$5,340.00	Budgeted	\$186,900.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$1,507.72	Surplus (Shortage)	-\$11,894.00
		Food Pantry	\$0.00
Current Cash	\$69,438.06	Two Saints	\$0.00
Loan Balance	\$140,246.27		

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 Sept. 1, 2018 we served spaghetti to 49 guest, with 15 to go plates and multiple seconds!

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



ST. MARK'S STAFF

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