



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

September 2, 2018

8:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

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

Katherine Wren, Officiant

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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.

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and people together, all kneeling

**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 Officiant alone stands and says

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

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia**

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7 Officiant and people together,*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?* *Read responsively by whole verse.*

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

✠7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

THE LESSONS

The people sit for the readings and stand for the canticles.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 8 The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino*

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *

the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *

the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *

the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; *

Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *

the finest of those who bear armor have been

drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *

they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *

your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *

who is like you, glorious in holiness,

awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *

the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *

with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *

on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *

the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *

for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

THE SECOND LESSON James 1:17-2

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 2 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,

and dwellest between the Cherubim; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praised and exalted above all for ever. **Amen**

THE THIRD LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Jim McInturff

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS

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

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY, Proper 17
A COLLECT FOR PEACE
A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE**

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

INTERCESSIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory and honor of God by
Jim and Deb McInturff in celebration of their wedding Anniversary.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

- 8:00am Morning Prayer
10:00am Morning Prayer / *No Nursery Today*
No Liturgy of the Word for Children Today
3:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm Leap of Faith
6:30pm Compline

Mon Church Office Closed/ Day School Closed for Labor Day

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

- Sat** 10:00am ECW- Potluck Brunch & Meeting in the Conference Room
10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 9

SAVE THE DATE

- Sun. Sept 9** Rally Day, Potluck, and bouncy house!
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

- 08/03 Shannon Seyler
08/04 Alyssa Esparza
08/07 Clara Troutt

Anniversaries

- 09/03 Jim and Deb McInturff

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. Contact Rose Mary (rosemarylatanich@gmail.com) for more info.

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 # 34		08/26/2018	
Actual Offering	\$2,996.42	Actual Income	\$171,174.54
Needed for Budget	\$5,340.00	Budgeted	\$181,560.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$2,343.58	Surplus (Shortage)	-\$10,385.46
Current Cash	\$70,758.88	Food Pantry	\$80.00
Loan Balance	\$140,246.27	Two Saints	\$25.00

Helping Neighbors Food Pantry Thank you for your donations of \$80 and 79 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 Aug. 25, 2018 we served 46 guest, 12 seconds, and 14 carry outs .

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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