



ST MARK'S
Episcopal Church

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

September 1, 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

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, 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.

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.
(said 3 times)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last forever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND LESSON A Reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all,

and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Luke.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Amber Carswell

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became
truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

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

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 .

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

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

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

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 our Savior 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 the grace of 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 Christ 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

For by the water of the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,**

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. 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: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Flowers of the altar today are in memory of Jim McInturff also in celebration of our
Wedding Anniversary given by Deb McInturff.*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Adult Formation
10:00am Holy Eucharist
5:00pm EfM
6:30pm Compline

Mon Labor Day Church office and Day School Closed

Wed 6:00pm Christian Ed Roundtable
6:15pm Healing Eucharist
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thur 6:00pm Men's Club

Sat 10:00am Two Saints' Kitchen, Team # 1

SAVE THE DATE

Sept 4 - Christian Ed Roundtable

Sept 15 - Rally Day

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

9/03 Shannon Seyler

9/07 Clara Troutt

Anniversaries

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



On September 4th at 6pm / Christian Ed Father Joshua and Rose Mary will host a Christian Education roundtable for anyone interested in the future of our ministry to the children of our church. We are blessed to have to many children at our worship services and at our Wednesday night gathering. We want to continue this vital ministry and expand our ability to support, encourage, and strengthen the children (and their parents!) that God has entrusted to us.



Wedding Invitation: MG Meyering and Conley Ferguson. Sept. 7, 2019 at 4:00pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church . You are invited to share in their happiness as they exchange vows with reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Altar Flowers for 2019 - If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in honor or memory of a loved one for 2019, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Cost is \$35.00.



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 will have a bouncy house for the children in the courtyard and our nursery will be extended through lunch time. Sign up for potluck, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. **Discover which ministry is right for you!**



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

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 On August 24, 2019 Team #9 served 60 guests, hamburgers, salad, chips, fruit, and dessert with 15 seconds. Thank you to RiceTec for donating burgers and salad.



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.

Large Printed Bulletins: If you are in need of a large print bulletin or insert, there are some printed for the 10:00 am service, just ask our greeters

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



Helping Neighbors Food Pantry: Thank you for your donations of 15 pounds this week . **There is a need at the food pantry for canned beef ravioli cereal bars, granola bars, microwaveable mac-n-cheese, individual fruit cups, individual applesauce, cereal, peanut butter, and coffee.** Also, as some of you will start traveling soon for vacation, please start saving **hotel size shampoo, 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.**

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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 #	34
Attendance	110
Actual Offering	\$4,150.84
Needed for Budget	\$5,624.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$1,473.16
Current Cash	\$27,042.99
Loan Balance	\$132,054.90

08/25/19/2019	
Actual Income	\$137,319.67
Needed for Budgeted Exp	\$200,898.00
Surplus (Shortage)	-\$63,578.33
Food Pantry	\$71.00
Two Saints	\$0.00

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