

Communion Anthem – Lord, to thee I lift my soul Vivaldi, arr. Pfautsch

*Lord, to thee do I lift my soul for comfort, for thou, O Lord, art kind and thy mercy is great. Give ear to my prayer, O Lord, my God; ponder the voice of my desires. In time of trouble I call upon thee; Lord, give ear to my prayer. Lord, to thee do I lift my soul for comfort, for thou, O Lord, art kind. Thy mercy is great unto all that call upon thee in the time of their great need. Lord, I will thank thee with all my heart and will praise thy Name for evermore.*

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Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing (Alles ist an Gottes Segen) Hymnal 334  
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing (Sicilian Mariners) Hymnal 344

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (when applicable)

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.  
*Congregation* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Please stand*  
**Prayer for Mission** *said by all* BCP 365  
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

**Hymn in Procession** *sung by all*  
All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (Engelberg) Hymnal 477

Dismissal

**Postlude** – Prelude and Hornpipe Samuel Wesley

Music Notes

*Soloist – Caroline Goodwin*

Today’s sequence hymn reflects themes from the reading from Jeremiah about living water. The second communion hymn reflects themes from the Collect of the Day, and the closing hymn reflects the theme from the Gospel reading of humbling oneself.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Children’s Chapel

A Children’s Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during this service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during this service for children through age 2. It is located on the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. Restrooms are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 9 a.m. except for Christianity Today, which meets at 11:10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

**GIVING INFORMATION**

Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →

**PLEDGE**

It’s not too late to pledge for 2025! Scan QR code →

Worship Participants

*We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.*

<b>Lectors</b>	Lee Haramis Jr., Gay Nightingale, Helen Willoughby
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gray Chunn, Ann Palmer Chunn, Sam Boozer
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Kelli Chunn, Leah Miller, Marcia Simmons, Jess Simmons
<b>Ushers</b>	Andy Kidd, William Boozer, Mike Davenport, Robb Smith
<b>Vergers</b>	Downing Nightingale, Tim Sleeth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Leslie Freeman, Stephanie Baker, Dudley Grace, Trisha MacRae, Caroline Mann, Una Pardue, Lindsay Runnels, Barbara Simcox, Tori Tutwiler
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Ellen Ball, Mary Dudley Schmidt, Beverly Sleeth

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*and in thanksgiving for my children and grandchildren, and in loving memory of John Ropp by Louise Ropp.*

\*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.



St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Vision

St. Mark’s is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God’s world. (Ps 46:4-5)

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St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God’s Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.



St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

*Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an “S” (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.*

*Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.*

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude** – Pastoral Charles Wesley

The Word of God

*Please stand*  
**Hymn in Procession** *sung by all*  
Jesus shall reign where’er the sun (Duke Street) Hymnal 544

**Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity** BCP 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant* 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.**

**Hymn of Praise** *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord 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.**

*Please be seated*

**First Lesson** – Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** – 81:1, 10-16 *simplified Anglican chant sung by all*                 *chant:* J. W. Meachen  
1 Sing with joy to God our / strength \*  
    and raise a loud shout to the God of / Jacob.  
10 I am the Lord your God,  
    who brought you out of the land of Egypt and / said, \*  
    “Open your mouth wide and I will / fill it.”  
11 And yet my people did not hear my / voice, \*  
    and Israel would not o/bey me.  
12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their / hearts, \*  
    to follow their own de/vices.  
13 Oh that my people would listen to / me! \*  
    that Israel would walk in my / ways!  
14 I should soon subdue their / enemies \*  
    and turn my hand against their / foes.  
15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe be/fore him, \*  
    and their punishment would last for / ever.  
16 But Israel would I feed with the finest / wheat \*  
    and satisfy him with honey from the / rock.

**Second Lesson** – 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*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Sequence Hymn** *sung by all*

Come, thou fount of every blessing (*Nettelton*)                                 Hymnal 686

**Holy Gospel** – Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Clergy*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

*Clergy*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to follow the cross to Children’s Chapel as the congregation sings “Jesus loves me”.*

**Sermon** – The Rev. Charlie Holt

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed**   BCP 358

**Prayers of the People** – Form VI   BCP 392

**Confession**   BCP 393

**Peace**

*Celebrant*   The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem**

For the bread which you have broken                                 César Franck, arr. Schweizer

*For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. As our blessed ones adore you, seated at our Father’s board, may the Church still waiting for you keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord. In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord. Amen*

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*Please stand*

**Offertory Hymn** – The Doxology *sung by all*                                 Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Great Thanksgiving** – Eucharistic Prayer B                                 BCP 367

*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 continues...*

**Sanctus** *sung by all*   *musical setting:* Hymnal S 125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
    Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
    Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

**Lord’s Prayer** *said by all*   BCP 364

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.

**Fraction Anthem** *sung by all*   *musical setting:* Hymnal S 154

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

*Please be seated*

**Communion of the People**

*At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by “intinction” (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.*