

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023—5:00PM  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023—8:00AM & 10:15AM  
St. Mark's Guest wifi password *timetopray*

WELCOME

PRELUDE (10:15)

BELL

PROCESSIONAL (10:15)

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Hymnal 376

THE WORD OF GOD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: *All standing*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen*

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*all*)

*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.*

GLORIA

*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*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS *(seated)*

### FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 114 *(responsively by half-verse)*

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*

***the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,***

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*

***and Israel his dominion.***

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*

***Jordan turned and went back.***

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*

***and the little hills like young sheep.***

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*

***O Jordan, that you turned back?***

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
***you little hills like young sheep?***  
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
***at the presence of the God of Jacob,***  
8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
***and flint-stone into a flowing spring.***

**SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL HYMN (10:15)**

*Blessed Jesus At Thy Word (v1, Gospel, v2)*

Hymnal 440

**THE GOSPEL** (*stand*)

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 18:21-35**

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would

pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HOMILY

Rev. Alan Akridge, *Rector*

### THE NICENE CREED (*stand*)

***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 Scripture; 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.***

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*sit or kneel*)

*Deacon:*            Our God is a God of unity, not division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

*Leader:*            For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation; for their safety and well-being, for the relief of their sufferings, especially the victims of the earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya, for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst, and for the overcoming of enmity, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:***            ***We beseech you, O Lord.***

*Leader:*            For those people we have come to view as enemies: for the peoples of the Soviet Union, China and North Korea, for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship, let us pray to the Lord.

***People:***            ***We beseech thee, O Lord.***

Leader: For the churches of the world, let us pray: for the healing of divisions, for growth in understanding, for devotion to the truth of the gospel, for our mutual enrichment, and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *We beseech thee, O Lord.*

Leader: For our homes and families: for an end to feuds, for release from the cycle of violence, for the healing of painful memories, for forgiveness and peace between those who injure, for patience in bearing with one another, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *We beseech thee, O Lord.*

Leader: For the work of our Stewardship and Organizational teams as they discern where you would have us go, for the work of your kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** *We beseech thee, O Lord.*

Deacon: Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.

**People:** *Amen.*

## THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE *(people greet one another)*

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

**People** *And also with you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion at the altar, either from individual containers as they are passed in a basket, or from the chalice and paten. Please kneel at the altar as you are able and remain at the altar until the chalice passes. If receiving individual containers, return to the pew to consume the bread and wine and place containers in recycling containers at the exits. Offerings may be placed in the available offering plates positioned at the front pews. Communicants at home may request communion to be delivered by calling or texting 912.222.8746.*

### THE OFFERTORY (10:15)

*(5:00 & 8:00) spoken*

***All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.***

*(10:15) sung*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above the heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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.***

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

*The celebrant incorporates or adapts a Proper Preface*

### THE SANCTUS

*Celebrant* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people sit or kneel and the Celebrant continues*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***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** (*say or sing*)

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

*Celebrant says this invitation*

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.

*The people remain in place until the ushers release the pews to come to the altar rail to receive communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS** (10:15)

*The King of Love My Shepherd  
Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymnal 645

Hymnal 383

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.*

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN** (10:15)

*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

Hymnal 410

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People** *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

**POSTLUDE** (10:15)



*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
 Bryon and Angel Ford in loving memory of  
 Mary Ford and Juanita Beard*

**BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY PRAYER**

*God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they celebrate another year on their journey. Grant that they may grow in wisdom, grace, and love, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sept. 18 April Baker  
 Sept. 21 Amy Broderick, Kelli Perry Bacon

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept. 22 Cameron & Kristin West  
 If we missed your birthday or anniversary,  
 please notify the church office.

**PRAYER LIST**  
 Matthew Dowe  
 Larry Youngner  
 Carole Nolan  
 Diana Lindsay

Nancy MacKenzie  
 Wallace Harrell  
 Frank Matthews  
 Joy Youngner  
 Katherine Adams

Will Whatley  
 Beverly Dembowczyk  
 Kenn Hodge  
 Mary Harrell  
 Renee Dowe

Kimi Mashburn  
 Bob Perry  
 Linda Pace  
 Ginny Quinn

**In-person Attendance  
 September 7-10, 2023**

Thu	Sat.	8:00	10:15	SMT	Total
11	20	24	115	3	173

**Financial Update as of 9/12/2023**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>
Pledges	\$ 392,363	\$ 311,950
Donations	\$ 49,735	\$ 57,828

**St. Mark's 101 and Confirmation Class begin TODAY!** Confirmation class for our youth begins at 2:30 in the parish hall, led by Sam, Fr. Alan and Gareth. It's the next step in confirming the ministry of our baptism. In addition to the confirmation class, which over the course of six weeks will also include fun activities, Sam will also have 1/99 youth group at 4:00 as usual. St. Mark's 101 follows at 4:00 pm and concludes with dinner. Fr. Alan and Gareth lead the exploration of St. Mark's traditions, sacraments, and campuses and take a look at Christianity through the years.

**If you have reservations for the St. Mark's pilgrimage** to the Holy Land, please meet at noon today in the parish hall with Edith Gross. Enjoy lunch and presentation about everything you need to know in preparation for an exciting trip at the end of October.

Every Sunday following the 10:15 service, our hospitality teams serve coffee and light refreshments in our parish hall, Mixon Hall. All are invited. It is a great opportunity to visit or introduce newcomers.

Volunteer host teams are invited to serve on a rotating schedule. The church supplies the menu to make it easy for all hosts. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall or contact Phyllis Sartin, 912.242.6875.





# ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

## Chicken Salad Chick Fundraiser



Help St. Mark's Episcopal Day School raise money for  
our program and scholarship funds!  
Order some **AMAZING** chicken salad from Chicken Salad Chick!

**\$15 for a one pound container**

Choose from the following **DELICIOUS** options:

### Our Famous Chicken Salads

#### Traditional:

##### Classic Carol:

The flavor that got it all started! All white meat, shredded chicken, finely-minced celery, mayonnaise, & our secret seasoning.

##### Olivia's Old South:

A Southern tradition that combines sweet pickles & egg.

#### Fruity & Nutty:

##### Fancy Nancy:

Dress it up with Fuji apples, seedless grapes, & chopped pecans.

##### Cranberry Kelli:

A mixture of dried, sweetened cranberries & silvered almonds.

#### Pimento Cheese:

##### Pimento Cheese:

A blend of freshly-grated sharp cheddar & pepper jack cheeses combined with just a smidge of our creamy house dressing.



#### Savory:

##### Sassy Scotty:

A zesty blend of ranch, bacon, & shredded cheddar cheese.

#### Spicy:

##### Buffalo Barclay:

Craving wings? This is definitely the choice for you!

##### Jalapeño Holly:

Whoa!! The name says it all, diced jalapeños galore.

##### Kickin' Kay Lynne:

This flavor powerhouse has Buffalo sauce, ranch, bacon, shredded cheddar cheese, jalapeños, & just a touch of Sriracha!

**YOU DON'T  
WANT TO MISS  
THIS!!  
DON'T DELAY**

**Payment can be made through  
Venmo to @stmarksdayschool**

**We also accept cash, checks, and  
payment through Brightwheel**

**Orders and Payment due September 19.**

**All Chicken Salad orders MUST be picked up at  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall  
Wednesday September 27 11:45am-2:30pm.**

## September 17-24, 2023

Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with choir & Sunday School
	11:30am	Mixon Hour/Mixon Hall
	12:00pm	Holy Land tour meeting & lunch/Mixon Hall
	2:30pm	Confirmation class/Mixon Hall
	4:00pm	St. Mark's 101/Mixon Hall
	4:00pm	1/99 meeting/youth room
Monday	9:30am	Staff meeting & Formation
	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous/Mixon Hall
Tuesday	12:00pm	Finance Team
	6:45pm	Overeaters Anonymous/Mixon Hall
	8:00pm	Co-dependents Anonymous/Mixon Hall
Wednesday	11:00am	Bible study/Mixon Hall
	2:00pm	Backpacks/upstairs
	4:00pm	Chancel choir/church
	6:00pm	Remedy Meeting/Mixon Hall
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Thursday	11:00am	Healing Service & Bill Pellegrini funeral/chapel
	12:00pm	Bad Girls Bible Study/Mixon Hall
Friday		Church Office closed
Saturday	5:00pm	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	8:00pm	AA/Mixon Hall
Sunday	8:00am	Spoken Eucharist/Chapel
	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with choir & Sunday School
	11:30am	Mixon Hour/Mixon Hall
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	4:00pm	St. Mark's 101/Mixon Hall
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