

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 20 YEAR A SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 10:00 AM

Welcome

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church! Whether this is your first time or thousandth time in worship with us, we are so glad you are here. St. Mark's is an inclusive community of faith, committed to celebrating God's creative love in all people. Together, we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You are welcome here—in worship, at the communion table, and in our walk together.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship each week, you are invited to find a comfortable space to sit quietly and listen to the prelude. The prelude is the first part of worship, setting the tone for what is to come and helping God's people to unplug from the rhythms of daily life and prepare for a time of worship. We hope this musical offering will resonate in your soul and invite you into our worship practice.

Hymn Sing

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 657 "Love divine, all love excelling"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of all Creation

People ***Whose Spirit renews the face of the earth.***

The Collect for Purity

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.***

Presider Let us glorify the Holy One as we sing.

Gloria S278 (Blue 1982 Hymnal) Mathias

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.***

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together, let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him

from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

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

Psalm 145:1-8

Exaltabo te, Deus

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The Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

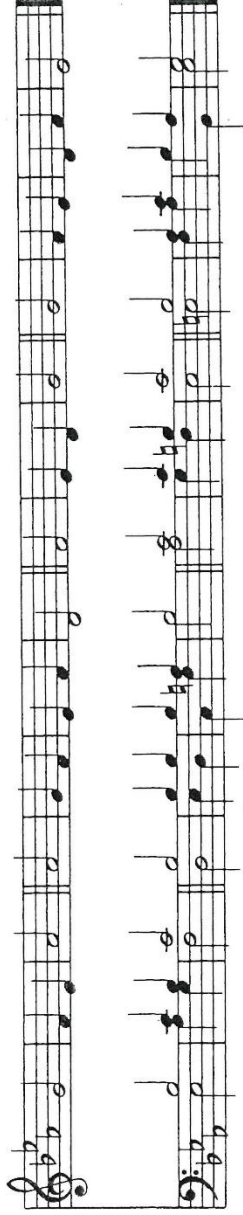
To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

Psalms 145:1-8

Exaltabo te, Deus



1 I will exalt you, O | God my | King, *
and bless your | Name for - | ever • and | ever.

3 Great is the LORD and | greatly • to be | praised; *
there | is no | end to • his | greatness.

5 I will ponder the glorious | splendor • of your | majesty *
and | all your | marvel- • ous | works.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your | **great** |
goodness; *
they shall | sing of • your | righteous | deeds.

2 Every | day • will I | bless you *
and praise your | Name for - | ever • and | ever.

4 One generation shall praise your | works • to an - | other *
and | shall de - | clare your | power.

6 They shall speak of the might of your | wondrous | acts, *
and | I will | tell of • your | greatness.

8 The LORD is gracious and | full of • com- | passion, *
slow to | anger • and of | **great** | kindness.

Sequence Hymn 551 “Rise up, ye saints of the Lord” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Presider/Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Presider/Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily **Chad Templin, Intern Candidate for Holy Orders**

Profession of Faith: 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. 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

Leader God of tenderness and compassion, rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace, we pray to you in confidence for the needs of the world, praying, O God of mercy and justice, ***“Your love endures forever.”***

We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may stand firm in one spirit and strive side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel;

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Delaney and Jerre our clergy, for Chad our Intern Candidate for Holy Orders, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Carondelet;

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury and The Anglican Church of Australia;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Parroquia Ayudada San Lucas Evangelista in Ponce;

We pray for our Jubilee Ministry partner Isaiah 58 Ministries and our Outreach partner, Doorways Interfaith Housing;

We give thanks on their birthdays with Ruth Lewis and Charlie LaBeaume and on their anniversaries with John and Catherine Fee, Andrew and Rebecca

LaBeaume and Jonathan and Teresa Danieleley. We pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For the leaders of the nations; for mercy, justice, and peace in the world; and for an end to wars and threats of war, especially for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Cuba, and the Middle East; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For our city and those who live in it, for farmers and abundant fruits of the earth, and that the world's wealth and power might become a source of peace, rather than conflict; a source of hope, rather than discontent; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

We pray for the sick, those suffering from addiction and their families; we pray for the hungry, homeless, and oppressed; immigrants and refugees; the victims of violence and abuse; for those in detention and those living in fear of separation from their homes and families;

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

For those serving in the armed forces; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For ourselves, our families, and companions, and all those we love; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve; we pray, O God of mercy and justice,

Your love endures forever.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us

the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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.

Presider 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 *We are a community of reconciliation and peace; therefore, we greet each other with a sign of our desire for peace.*

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

Children's Time

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Hear My Words" Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Hear my words, O gracious Lord,
To my thoughts attentive be:
Hear my cry, my King, my God.
I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light, O Lord,
Thou shalt hear my voice arise;
And expectant I will bring
Prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art holy, O my God,
Thou delightest not in sin;
Evil shall not dwell with Thee,
Nor the proud Thy favor win.

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The Holy Eucharist II

Lift up your hearts *Sursum corda*

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The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Presider and People

Holy, Holy, Holy S128

Mathias

Blue 1982 Hymnal

***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.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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

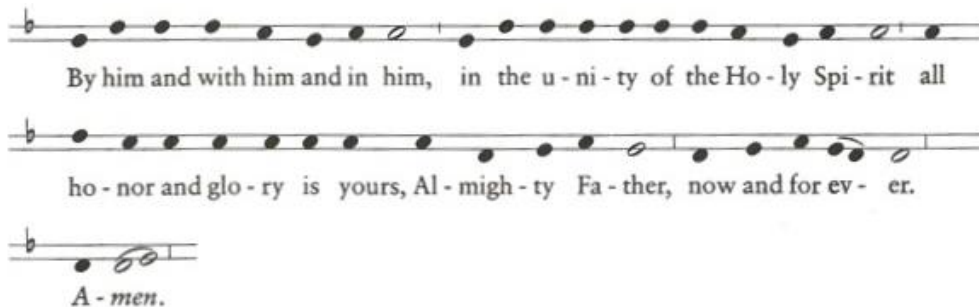
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Presider

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

Fraction Anthem S165 *Mathias*

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Jesus, Lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

The Ministration of Communion

Presider 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.

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 325 “Let us break bread together” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Prayer after Communion

Presider Together, let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you for evermore. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn 671 “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Dismissal

Presider/Deacon Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins. Go into the world to love what God loves. Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude “Dialogue”

Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)

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ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Margaret Hvatum *Usher:* Doug Jeffery *Greeter:* Kittie Golomski
Altar Guild: Jon Danieley *Livestream:* Lucy Danieley
Crucifer: Jonathan Robards *Chalice:* Marilyn Wiethop/Jonathan Robards
Coffee Hour: Vicki Stegmann

Liturgical resources offered by the Diocese of Missouri and the Episcopal Church Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Shower

Please join us after worship today to celebrate the upcoming birth of Baby Schlake-Kruse. Sandwiches and cake will be provided. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to bring sides. No presents are needed, but donations to the diaper bank of St. Louis are welcome.

Choir Call

The choir has begun its weekly rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. We invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. The ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary. We need sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses—in short, all voice parts. If you’re a long-time choir member, past choir member, or new to the choir, please consider participating in this very important ministry. We’re a friendly, welcoming group-- we work hard, have lots of fun, and, most importantly, enjoy making music together. If you’re interested in singing with us, please speak to Barbara Raedeke, or email her at braedeke@aol.com. We’d love to have you join us! All are welcome!

Episcopal City Mission Volunteers

We are looking for 3-4 volunteers for the Upcoming Birthday Party at the Juvenile Detention Center for Oct. 2nd. This will be the first time since COVID that we're allowed to participate with the children. If you might be interested in this rewarding opportunity, there are volunteer sheets in the back of the nave to fill out. If you have any question contact Evan Meyer or Deacon Jerre.

An Update on Godly Play at St. Mark's

As we continue to search for our new Godly Play assistant, please continue to refer any qualified applicants to the Parish Office or feel free to just share the position information.



Francis Park Fellowship

Our time in the beer garden will conclude with two final gatherings this fall! Stop by the Rockwell Beer garden for fellowship, snacks, and refreshing drinks. There are plenty of tasty non-alcoholic options available; fellowship is open to all ages!

- Thursday, September 24 5:00PM
- Thursday, October 8 5:00PM

Bible Study Resumes

Sunday, September 27th at 11:30am Bible Study will resume. Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet will be the subject and will occur every Sunday September 27th – October 18th after Worship. No prior attendance or experience required. Bring a Bible and a willingness to talk through the text! All are welcome!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2026

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & PET BLESSING

10:00 WORSHIP
PET BLESSING TO FOLLOW



Bible Study Fall 2026

JONAH: THE RELUCTANT PROPHET

Sundays after worship 11:30-12:15

September 27

October 4

October 11

October 18



Children's Worship and Pet Blessing

Join us in worship on Sunday, October 4th as we celebrate the feast of St. Francis with a pet blessing and worship planned and led by our children! Please feel free to bring pets to church; the blessing will take place on the plaza following worship.

Online Giving at St. Mark's

Thank you so much for your desire to support the ministry here at St. Mark's! If you would like to give online, simply scan the QR code using the camera on your smart phone to visit our online giving platform. Your generosity is a blessing!



We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Duane and Anne Benson, Yulia Borjte, Randy Borowiak, Canon Desiree Brattin, Maggie Brogan, Rusty Cates, Randy and Jenny Coffey, Volker Coleman, Alicia Crowe, Tom Gard, Sue Garrett, Mark Godfrey, Braden Hagberg & Family, Lynn Heritage, Yaz Hernández and their extended family, Denise Huber, Margaret and Tor Hvatum, Celeste Kocot, Jane Kozielec and Allen, Debbie Kramer, Becky Kruse, Stephanie Maass, Penny McCullough, Gary Medley, Beverly (Kocot) Meyers, Donna Musgrave, Neice Nelson, Betty Orlando, Nancy Raedeke, Joe Rodriguez and his mother Ellie, Brain Salci, Jennifer Salci and her parents, Cheryl Schulz, Joanne Schneider, Lois Schubert and her family, Tom Schroeder, John Sheridan, Logan Smith, Mitchell and Tracy Shelton, Michael Sophir, Gracie Stephens, Jeanette Swallow, Lou Swallow, Tom Tetrault, Scott Thomas, Bill Trafka, Casey Tyler, David and Doris Westfall, The White Family, Gene Wilberg, Susan Winfrey, Walter Zimmerman, Eric, Elizabeth, Gary, Marian, Ted, Karen, Larry, Doug, Fritz, Rebecca, Lynn, Catreta and Dennis, Kate, Maggie, Ari and family.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Ruth Lewis and Charlie LaBeaume and on their anniversaries with John and Catherine Fee, Andrew and Rebecca LaBeaume and Jonathan and Teresa Danieleley.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jesse Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Logan Smith.

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