

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is
to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

Welcome to this morning's service of worship!
Restrooms are available in Claiborne Parish House,
the building directly behind the church.
Nursery care is available (more information in Announcements).

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Hymn 596 (*blue book*): “Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

Prayer Book (red) page 355

Gloria in excelsis: S278 (*near front of hymnal*)

Collect of the Day (*insert*)

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31 (*insert*)



Psalm 121 (spoken at 8:30; sung at 11:00)

Wyatt P. Poe (b.1998)

1 I lift up my eyes | to the | hills; *
from where is my | help to | come?
2 My help comes | from the | Lord, *
the maker of hea- | ven and | earth.
3 He will not let your | foot be | moved *
and he who watches over you will not | fall a- | sleep.
4 Behold, he who keeps watch | over | Israel *
shall neither slum- | ber nor | sleep;
5 The Lord himself | watches | over you; *
the Lord is your shade at | your right | hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike | you by | day, *
nor the | moon by | night.
7 The Lord shall preserve you | from | all evil; *
it is he who shall | keep you | safe.
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | coming | in, *
from this time forth for | ever- | more.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 <i>(insert)</i>		
Sequence Hymn 711 : “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 <i>(insert)</i>		
Sermon	The Rev. Robert C. Lamborn	
The Nicene Creed	page 358	
Prayers of the People, Form VI	page 392	
Confession of Sin	page 360	
The Peace		
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Offertory hymn 304: <i>(8:30)</i> “I come with joy to meet my Lord”	<i>Land of rest</i>	
Offertory Anthem: <i>(11:00)</i>	Psalm 27:1-5	Poe (b. 1998)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid; And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him. One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)			Page 361
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus: S128</i>			
The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)			
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins		as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.	

Agnus Dei: S165

Communion of the People:
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Anyone may come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors <i>(when needed)</i> <i>(in unison)</i> In the name of this parish, we 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. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.	
Postcommunion Prayer	page 365
Hymn 680: “O God, our help in ages past”	<i>St. Anne</i>
Blessing	
Dismissal	
Postlude	

The flowers at the altar today are given to the greater glory of God by the Asmussens in thanksgiving for our children Mark, Alison, Michael, and Ian; their spouses Theresa, Pete, and Katie, and our grandchildren, Ethan, Alex, Sam, and Kit; and by Beth Wiley in thanksgiving for the marriage of Samantha Wightman & Kate Wiley.

Altar Guild — Lynda Gotko, Andrea Sanders
Flower Guild — Cheryl Lankhaar
Bread Baker — Andrea Richaud
Tellers — Jay Fisher
Coffee Hour — Dan & Beth Amundson

8:30 service	11:00 service
Vestry — Robin Bates	Jay Fisher
Server — Robin Bates	Jaxon Rudder
Chalice Bearer — Liam Nieman	Julia Bates
Readers — Linda Lankewicz, Rebecca Van de Ven	Alec Moseley, Sue Moseley
Intercessor — John Solomon	Lane Price
Usher(s) -- Bruce Baird	Betty & Jimmy Blythe

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Dandridge Trust Committee

Prayer Requests: Steve Burnett, Duane, Steve Butler, Corky Carlisle, Karen Davis, Katherine Fisher, Sophie Geraghty, Kim Heitzenrater, Mike Jones, Anita Larson, Erika Lewis, Mike Mattei, Julian Price, Leah Rhys, Isaiah Shelby, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Dickie Zabbia, refugees, and the people of Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.
Birthdays: Suzanne Cahoon, Beth Pride Ford, Sarah Edmonds and Jackson Frazier.



A Conversation between The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III and the Rev. Sheleta Fomby

I am blessed to be able to have individuals in my life who are willing to discuss their faith lives. Over the course of my years in ministry, I have met some wonderful people. Recently, I have become acquainted with a powerful preaching sister from Washington, D.C., the Rev. Sheleta E. Fomby. She has become both a friend and a spiritual guide in my life. In a recent conversation, Rev. Fomby and I were discussing how blessed we were in our individual and collective lives. And in a quiet moment, she stated that she lives a great life because she has experienced God's abundance. "If it were not for that, how could she be generous to others."

I was intrigued by her comments and asked for her to explain further. She stated that for her there is a distinct difference between abundance and generosity. "Abundance is what God has made available. And generosity is what we do with what God has made available."



Questions for Reflection:

How has God's abundance formed your generosity?

When God created the earth, God deposited upon the earth and gave to its inhabitants all that they would need for survival. God provides more than enough for all to live fully and completely. Rev. Fomby blessed me with sharing this simple lesson. The more she reflected upon her own life and the lives of those who have poured into her own ministry, I had a moment of understanding the distinction. She was generous in her sharing because of all that others had given to her out of their own abundance. And now the cycle continues because now I can share with others out of the abundance of love, care and prayers that others have showered upon me. |



The Rev. Sheleta Fomby is the Pastor at New Life AME Church in Laurel, Maryland and is fully committed to liberating lives, encouraging hearts, and inspiring hope through the faithful proclamation of God's word.

Stewardship Campaign Happenings

October 19: 8:30 service: The Rev. Tom Gildemeister 11:00 Andrea Sanders

Come hear our friends briefly share their personal thoughts about giving their time, talent, and treasure to St. Mark & St. Paul.

October 26: Stewardship Sunday— You are invited to turn in your pledge card at either of the Sunday services. Following the 11:00



Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew Chapter 6, Verse 21

Sunday, October 26

Join us
on Stewardship Sunday

♥ Following the 11:00 Service
for a

♥ Catered Lunch in Kennerly Hall

*Celebrating the abundance of
Time, Talent, and Treasure at St. Mark and St. Paul*

Announcements

This Sunday the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 and 11am. The 11am service will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and remains available there.

Nursery Services: Infants and toddlers through three years old are invited to gather downstairs in Claiborne Hall. Cara Kitzrow and Jeanie Babb will be supervising the nursery.

Sunday Forum Rebecca Adams, a leading authority on the French anthropological philosopher René Girard, will address the Sunday The presentation, which will be streamed, will begin with a previously taped interview with Adams, after which she will lead a discussion and answer questions.

Girard, who has broken new ground in the psychology of desire and human imitation, has powerful insights into the relationship between violence and religion, especially when it comes to scapegoating. Adams, however, notes that Girard also believes that that not all human desire leads to violent rivalry and that, through Christ, humans can move past scapegoating.

October Book Study: Beowulf Robin Bates will lead a series of discussions on Beowulf on Tuesdays, 5:30--6:30, in the Brooks Hall Dining Room on October 7, 14, 21, and 28. Translations will be available for attendees. Bring a snack to share or just wander in with a curious mind. Beowulf is one of the world's great monster stories as well as a powerful exploration of how anger can rip apart a society. Dr. Bates contends that each of the poem's monsters--two trolls and a dragon--represents a different kind of anger/ Given the devastating impact that anger is currently wreaking, both on the United States and globally, the poem is only too relevant. Dr. Bates believes, however, that there are "Beowulf solutions" that we can use to fight back.

It's not necessary to attend all the classes or to read anything before each session. Just come when you can. If you are not able to attend the first class and need a copy of the work, write to Dr. Bates at rrbates@smcm.edu. We'll be using the Seamus Heaney translation but other translations are fine and, in fact, can lead to interesting comparative discussions.

Parish Photo Directory: For the first time in several years we are assembling a photo directory of the congregation. We are asking each household to do two things—review (and correct/add to, if necessary) our current information using the pages provided, and allow Rachel Lynch to take an informal photograph (or submit a recent photo). We hope the directories will be available to distribute at the Annual Parish Meeting November 16, with a suggested donation to help defray the cost. Thanks go to Rachel for heading up this effort!

Reading Buddies: The Community Action Committee is working with Sewanee Elementary School to recruit reading buddies who can help out during library time for our young students. This partnership requires consistent volunteers who will read with students and help select books, while overall fostering a love for reading and providing support for the library program. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at cac@stmarkstpaul.org to see how you can get involved.

Centering Prayer Group: Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 2:30pm, both in the sanctuary.

Lectionary Bible Study at Saint Mark and Saint Paul's meets every Tuesday at 2:30 PM in Brooks Hall. The class begins with a brief prayer and a reading of the Gospel lesson appointed for the coming Sunday. Then there is a rather freewheeling and far-ranging discussion of issues and questions raised by the Gospel. The group is convened and the conversation moderated by the Reverend Scott Lee.

Adult Choir: Adult choir practice is Sundays 12:30-1:30pm.

Children's choir rehearses on Wednesday after school. To enroll your child contact Wyatt Poe at: music@stmarkstpaul.org

Godly Play continues this Sunday at 9:45 am for children (3 years old through 5th grade).

Godly Play 1: The Prophet Jonah, Storyteller – Cara Kitzrow, Doorperson – Jeannie Babb

Godly Play 2 – *The Exodus*, Storyteller – Cheryl Lankhaar, Doorperson – Jenny Ramos

4th/5th - *Maniac Magee*, Storyteller -- Julia Bates, Doorperson – Matthew Mitchell (Meets in 1st floor Brooks Hall)

Youth Sunday School: (Meets upstairs in Brooks Hall).

Rite-13 and J2A: Young people in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood (J2A) on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Aaron Elrod (aaelrod@sewanee.edu) for details.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a 4 year seminar (Year 1- Hebrew Bible, Year 2- New Testament, Year 3- History of Christianity, Year 4- contemporary theology of the Episcopal tradition. Seminar participants reflect upon various concerns from their readings, the relationship of those themes between each of the studies, and the implications of the theme in today's world. The goal of EfM is to deepen faith and to discover expressions of that faith in service to others.

The Sewanee EfM seminar group meets on Monday nights from 6:30 until 9:00 in the Hethcock Room. Please contact Wendy at wendyprothrohoward@gmail.com for registration information!