

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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 11 (*blue book*): “Awake, my soul” *Morning Hymn*
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: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (*insert*)

Psalms 111 (spoken at 8:30; sung at 11:00) Wyatt P. Poe (b.1998)



1 Hallelujah!
I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole | heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congre- | gation.
2 Great are the deeds | of the | Lord! *
they are studied by all who de- | light in | them.
3 His work is full of maje- | sty and | splendor, *
and his righteousness en- | dures for | ever.
4 He makes his marvelous works to | be re- | membered; *
the Lord is gracious and full | of com- | passion.
5 He gives food to | those who | fear him; *
he is ever mindful | of his | covenant.
6 He has shown his people the power | of his | works *
in giving them the lands | of the | nations.
7 The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and | justice; *
all his command- | ments are | sure.
8 They stand fast for e- | ver and | ever, *
because they are done in | truth and | equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his cove- | nant for | ever; *
holy and awesome | is his | Name.
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginn- | ing of | wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise en- | dures for | ever.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 *(insert)*
Sequence Hymn 483 : “The head that once was crowned with thorns” *St. Magnus*
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 *(insert)*
Sermon The Right Rev. Neil Alexander
The Nicene Creed page 358
Prayers of the People, Form VI page 392
Confession of Sin page 360
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory hymn 390: *(8:30)* “Praise to the Lord, the almighty” *Lobe den Herren*
Offertory Anthem: *(11:00)* ADULT CHOIR

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom
the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead: look on
the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; and be thy feast
to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

*Father, we thank thee who hast planted thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus thy Son to us imparts. Thou,
Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure, didst give us food for all our days, giving
in Christ the Bread eternal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.*

*Watch o'er thy church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still, perfect
it in thy love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto thy will. As grain, once
scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one, so from all lands
thy Church be gathered into thy kingdom by thy Son.*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) Page 361
Sanctus & Benedictus: S128
The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Father in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be your Name,	who sin against us.
your kingdom come,	Save us from the time of trial,
your will be done,	and deliver us from evil.
on earth as in heaven.	For the kingdom, the power,
Give us today our daily bread.	and the glory are yours,
Forgive us our sins	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 *(when needed)*
(in unison) 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 567: “Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old” *St. Matthew*
Blessing
Dismissal
Postlude

The flowers at the altar today are given to the greater glory of God by Betty Barton and
Jimmy Blythe in honor of and in thanksgiving for the August 2,2025 marriage of our daughter
Jamie Barton Blythe and Boyd Trulove. In thanksgiving for and in celebration of the October
20th birthday of our daughter, Beth Pride Blythe.

Altar Guild — Beth Wiley, Lynda Gotko
Flower Guild — Cheryl Lankhaar
Bread Baker — Andrea Richaud
Tellers — John Gatta
Coffee Hour — Lynn Stubblefield

8:30 service
Vestry — Neil Patterson
Server —
Chalice Bearer — Liam Nieman
Readers — Dorothy Gates, John Solomon
Intercessor — Rebecca Van de Ven
Acolytes —
Usher(s) -- Neil Patterson

11:00 service
John Gatta
Will Moody
Beth Wiley
John Gatta, Jennier Michael
Erin O’Rourke Nieman
Jaxon Rudder

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Diocesan Youth

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: Charles Houston Beaumont, Sam Howick, Sam Frazier, Ross Sowell, and Elizabeth
Sowell.



Stewardship Campaign Happenings

October 5: Jay Fisher, Chair of the 2025 Stewardship Campaign, will share news about our annual campaign. Stewardship is about gratitude, gifts, and action. How can we each express our gratitude to God so as to ensure SMSP thrives and fulfills its mission?

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 service, please join the parish in a catered lunch in Kennerly Hall. RSVPs are requested and childcare is provided.



My family of origin is where I learned about love, respect and compassion, these values were the foundation of my familial relationships. When our family immigrated and there were constraints in our family situation, my mother worked in a factory and brought home “piece work” to sew (at 5 cents per zipper) for income. Regardless of those challenges I felt secure in her love and protection. As our situation improved and were blessed with more opportunities, my mother served as a source of hope for those that immigrated and those that did not. I was fortunate to grow up witnessing daily examples of love, respect, compassion, and solidarity.

With the passing of my mother’s generation including aunts and uncles, I have found that scripture has become more important in my life. In particular, my prayer group, friends and colleagues that strive for the beloved community are a source of strength and grounding; especially during these times when hard fought rights are being taken back as though universal rights somehow have to be rationed.

Through my reading of the book of Genesis, creation is the very essence of possibility and abundance. God, the source of abundance, makes it available to us because of His infinite love for us, his children. Because this belief is an integral part of my faith, I feel fortunate to be rooted in abundance, to feel loved, to have options. To be rooted in abundance suggests that gratitude and generosity are a natural consequence of a loving environment, a space where possibility, generosity, and abundance thrive. Without love for God, self and others, you risk being trapped in an environment of scarcity. |



Dora Currea belongs to the Washington National Cathedral congregation where she is a Co-Chair of the Sanctuary Ministry advocating and supporting immigrants in partnership with diocesan and other faith groups in the DC area as well as the Church’s Episcopal Migration Ministries. Dora currently serves the diocese as Chair of the Commission on Ministry

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.

Oktoberfest: Thank you to all who helped with and participated in this feast

Sunday Forum Join us at 9:45 in Kennerly Hall, when Reed Carlson will continue our series by addressing Justice and the Prophets. Carlson is Assistant Professor of Old Testament / Hebrew Bible at the University of the South, School of Theology in Sewanee, TN. He is an Episcopal priest and completed his ThD at Harvard University in 2019.

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 Prophets*, Storyteller – Cara Kitzrow, Doorperson – Jenny Ramos

Godly Play 2 – *The Exodus*, Storyteller – Jeannie Babb, Doorperson – Kelly Moody

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

Youth Sunday School – Youth Sunday School students will join the 4th/5th class this Sunday only for learning, snacks, and activities downstairs 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 (aelrod@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!