

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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 538 (*blue book*): “God of mercy, God of grace” *Lucerna Laudoniae*

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: Amos 8:4-7 (*insert*)

Psalms 113 (spoken at 8:30; sung at 11:00) Wyatt P. Poe (b.1998)



- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the | Lord; *
praise the Name | of the | Lord.
- 2 Let the Name of the | Lord be | blessed, *
from this time forth for | ever- | more.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its | going | down *
let the Name of the | Lord be | praised.
- 4 The Lord is high a- | bove all | nations, *
and his glory a- | bove the | heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits en- | throned on | high *
but stoops to behold the heavens | and the | earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out | of the | dust *
and lifts up the poor | from the | ashes.

7 He sets them | with the | princes, *
with the princes | of his | people.
8 He makes the woman of a | childless | house *
to be a joyful mo- | ther of | children.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 *(insert)*
Sequence Hymn 592: “Teach me, my God and King” *Carlisle*
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 *(insert)*
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
Announcements
Offertory Hymn 488: *(8:30)* “Be thou my vision” *Slane*
Offertory Anthem: *(11:00)* “Create in me a clean heart, O God”
Gwendolyn Emory-Owings (b. 1948)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me
the joy of thy salvation. Lord, open my mouth, so I may sing thy praises.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A) Page 361
Sanctus & Benedictus: S128
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.
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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 583: “O holy city, seen of John” *Morning Song*
Blessing
Dismissal
Postlude Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

The flowers at the altar today are given to the greater glory of God by Robin and Julia
Bates in loving memory of Phoebe Bates.

Altar Guild — Dorothy Gates, Beth Wiley
Flower Guild — Betty Baryton Blythe
Bread Baker — Julie Elrod
Tellers — Rachel Lynch, Beth Wiley
Coffee Hour — Jennifer Michael

8:30 service
Vestry — Robin Bates
Server — Seanna Mainord
Chalice Bearer — Liam Nieman
Readers — Linda Lankewicz, John Solomon
Intercessor — Rebecca Van de Ven
Acolytes — Cayleigh Mainord
Usher(s) -- Robin Bates

11:00 service
Rachel Lynch
Jaxon Rudder
Julia Bates
Liz Camp, Dorothy Gates
Jennifer Michael
Jamie Pappas, Theo Mitchell, Julian Elrod
Rachel Lynch, Beth Wiley

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of St. James the Less, Madison

Prayer Requests: Steve Burnett, Duane, Steve Butler, Corky Carlisle, Karen Davis, Sophie
Geraghty, Mike Jones, Anita Larson, Erika Lewis, Mike Mattei, Julian Price, Leah Rhys, Isaiah
Shelby, Pete Smith, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Dickie Zabbia, refugees, and the people of
Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.

Birthdays: Bruce McMillan, Bruce Baird, Ken Taylor, Larry Barker, Laurence Alvarez, Kate Wiley,
Lynn Stubblefield, and Neil Patterson.

Departed: Jim Davidheiser

Ministry Spotlight: Worship

Our faith calls us to listen deeply to the stories of those around us, and to serve one another in love. Today we are spotlighting just a few of the ways our community lives into our call to serve.

“What is the ministry of the laity?”

The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ, to bear witness to him wherever they may be and according to the gifts given them to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church”

BCP p.855

So how do we do it.....by serving as ushers-readers-acolytes-chalice bearer-altar guild.



So many opportunities in this parish for everyone young and older What are your gifts? And know that you are helping to build up the kingdom of Christ on earth and right here is the parish of St. Mark and St. Paul.

"Hope is the ability to hear the music of God's future. Faith (trust) is the courage to dance to it today." - Bishop William Frey

Music, I believe, is the language through which the Divine speaks to us, and us to the Divine. The intention of our hearts when we sing and make music is that of offering, longing, laboring, and fellowship. This is especially manifested in the music ministries here at St. Mark & St. Paul; the Adult and Children's Choirs. Children's choir has 29 registered choristers that meet every Wednesday at 2:45 in Kennerly Hall and sing in church about once a month. The Adult Choir is a safe and welcoming space where we *"seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by [God's] people."* (BCP, Prayer for Church Musicians and Artists) We meet most Sundays after the 11 o'clock service from 12:30-1:30 and sing two or three times a month.



The Altar Guild is an organization of parishioners who serve God by preparing the church's sanctuary for all worship services, thus contributing to the spiritual experience of the congregation.

Members work in teams and serve on a rotating basis.



Flower Guild is a group of parishioners who arrange and maintain the many floral arrangements that decorate our sanctuary throughout the year. It is through the Flower Guild that parishioners can dedicate altar flowers throughout the year or dedicate poinsettias at Christmas or Easter lilies at Easter.

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 Evan Travis will be supervising the nursery.

Ministry Spotlight

During September, the Evangelism Committee is offering a "Ministry Spotlight" at each of the Sunday services. We know it takes many hands working together as we strive to live into the mission of SMSP. Each Sunday after the 11:00 service, come to Kennerly Hall to hear the stories of how God is at work in this community, and explore opportunities for engaging in the life of SMSP.

Sept 21: Worship

Sept. 28: Care and Keeping

Sunday Forum This Sunday, the guest speaker is Kara Lassen Oliver, Executive Director at St. Mary's Sewanee. Oliver will speak on "Sustaining Faith in a Vulnerable World"

Oliver holds an M.Div from Vanderbilt Divinity School and a BA in religious studies from Butler University. She is the author of *Stepping into the World; Passing It On: How to Nurture Your Children's Faith Season by Season; Meeting the Messiah: Scriptures for the Advent Season*; and other books. She has served in youth ministry, overseas mission in Malawi, and as executive director of The Upper Room Center for Christian Spiritual Formation. Oliver joined St. Mary's Sewanee to continue her passion for cultivating renewal and connection.

The theme of the 2025-2026 Sunday Forum series is "Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with Your God." Sunday Forum meets each week from 9:45-10:45 in Kennerly Hall. Coffee is served, and all are invited! Please see our website stmarkstpaul.org for the full roster of speakers and topics.

CAC Community Meal: This month's Community Meal will be hosted on Friday, September 26th at 12:00 PM in Kennerly Hall. The students are preparing a meal of baked spaghetti and so much more! We encourage you all to join us for good food and fellowship. CAC serves those in need with food and in other ways 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

Parish Work Day: Will be Saturday October 4 from 9-1, RAIN OR SHINE. There will be painting and varnishing, sign installation, tree trimming and many other tasks. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring work gloves, shovels and other basic tools if you have them. No experience needed. Lunch will be provided.

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 there a rather freewheeling and far-ranging discussion of issues and questions raised for the participants as they heard the Gospel read. 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 Ark & the Tent*, Storyteller – Wendy Prothro
Howard, Doorperson – Heidi Sohl

Godly Play 2 – *The Ark & the Flood*, Storyteller – Barbara
Prunty, Doorperson – Liam Nieman

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

Youth Sunday School – Paul & Andrea Richaud (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. Casual gatherings are beginning soon; 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!