

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

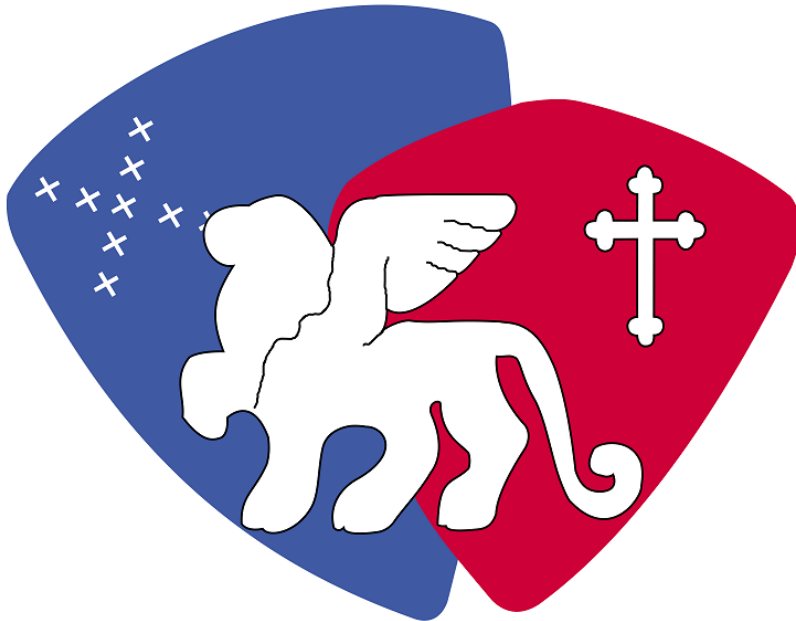
Our Vision:

To grow in Christ through worship and service

Our Mission:

Called to be Christ Centered

Touching Lives + Transforming Hearts + Teaching God's Word



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The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
June 7, 2026, 9:30 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn **“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** **Hymnal pg . 493**

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **BCP pg. 323**
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

Gloria (S 280) **BCP pg. 324**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *(found on page 3)*

Old Testament Genesis 12:1-9 Pete Laine
Psalm Psalm 33:1-12 Pete Laine
The New Testament Romans 4:13-25 Nancy Byers

The Sequence Hymn **“All My Hope on God is Founded”** **Hymnal pg. 665**

The Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Sermon **The Rev. Allan McCaslin**

The Nicene Creed **BCP pg. 326**

The Prayers of the People; Form V - BCP pg. 389 Yolanda Laine

Confession and Absolution **BCP pg. 330**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
(please greet each other in the name of Christ)

Readings Appointed for
The Second Sunday after Pentecost



The Collect

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 33:1-12

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Epistle

Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Announcements with:

Birthday Prayer

BCP pg. 830

Anniversary Prayer

BCP pg. 431

Offertory

Presentation

Doxology

The Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP pg. 333

Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

The Lord's Prayer

BCP pg. 336

The Breaking of the Bread (*The Fraction*)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

The Prayer of Humble Access

BCP pg. 337

The Ministration of the Communion

Communion Hymns **“Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”**

Hymnal pg. 510

“Spirit Song”

LEVAS pg. 118

“Spirit of the Living God”

LEVAS pg. 115

Post Communion Prayer

BCP pg. 339

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymnal pg. 686

Dismissal

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Announcements

During communion, or after the service, on Sundays the chapel is open for intercessory prayer, with Steve Thomas serving as intercessor.

Vacation Bible School: All Saints is having VBS on Saturday, Jul 18th for rising 1st - 6th graders. The theme is “Jesus is my Rock.” Feel free to support All Saints! Please, call or email beforehand so The Rev. Tara Bartal will know you would like to participate or to volunteer.

Handbells

We’re missing two handbells from the set (notes still being confirmed). If you’ve seen them recently or know where they might have been placed, please let the office or one of the deacons know so we can reunite the collection.

Healing Service Ministry

A reminder that our Healing Service Ministry continues on Thursday mornings from 11:00 am - 12 Noon in the sanctuary. This ministry is led by laypersons from the parish. For additional information, please contact Eileen Klimkowski.

All are welcome to attend!

Sermon Copies?

Fr. Allan has received several verbal requests for copies of various Sunday sermons. While honored and delighted to provide such, it is preferred that you email your request to his attention at: rallanmcc@gmail.com.



you are invited to

BISHOP JOSÉ'S *Farewell Party*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL & FUN-FILLED
CELEBRATION OF BISHOP JOSÉ'S FAITHFUL SERVICE
IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.
DRESS IS CASUAL AND LUNCH IS PROVIDED.

AUGUST 1, 2026 | 12:30-3:30 P.M.
Christ School | Arden, North Carolina



Deanery Community Resilience & Preparedness Day

June 27, 2026



Episcopal
Relief & Development
Working Together for Lasting Change

9am-1pm

St. Francis Episcopal Church,

Rutherfordton

free, lunch provided



Join this deanery-wide workshop to:
ground, assess, learn, strengthen, clarify, contribute, explore,
and engage how we can become more resilient and responsive
neighbors amid a changing climate & natural disasters.

SCHEDULE FOR LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS - JUNE 2026

Please cancel this booking (9816999).	June 7 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	June 14 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	June 21 4 th Sunday after Pentecost	June 28 5 th Sunday after Pentecost
Lay Reader 9:30 AM	Ot: Pete Laine Ps: Pete Laine Epistle: <u>Nancy</u> Byers Prayers: Yolanda Laine	Ot: Richard Martinez Ps: <u>Richard</u> Martinez Ep: <u>Jay</u> Barnes Pray: Bonnie Kieffer	Ot: Linda Galda Ps: Linda Galda Ep: Barbara Hartsell Pray: Ed Galda	Ot: Donna Dillon Ps: Donna Dillon EP: Joe Bieker Pray: Barbara Hartsell
Ushers	Blaine Rudisill Cookie Rudisill	Steve Campbell Chappell Harris	Walter Hobbs George Sowersby	Hyce Bull Jessie Paradise
Greeters	Anna Carsner Richard Carsner	Jessie Paradise Danelle Blackwell	Bev Bieker Marilyn Walters	Fitzgeralds
Acolytes	C: Alex Griffin G: Emma Kate Griffin	C: Kenya Pond G: Kenslie DeCastro	C : Mason McCarey G: Millie Lampke	C: Jake Barker G: Nora Johnson
Nursery		Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake
Preacher	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin
Flowers		Leslie Harris	Marilyn Almcrantz	Chappell Harris
Altar Guild	Bev Bieker	Mary Fitzgerald TBD	Yolanda Laine Pat Townsend	Penny Barker TBD
Coffee Hour	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Vestry Lock-Up	Marilyn Walters	Marilyn Walters	Marilyn Walters	Marilyn Walters

To Our Guests

If you are traveling or visiting family and friends from out of town, we wish you a safe and peaceful journey. If you are seeking a church home and looking for a new or deeper relationship with God, we hope that you will take some time and just be among us. We want to learn who you are and share with you our spiritual journey.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin.....	<i>Interim Priest</i>
The Ven. Brenda M. Gilbert.....	<i>Archdeacon, Dio. of Western NC</i>
The Rev. Deacon Cathy Wesson.....	<i>Deacon</i>
Ms. Dionne Browning.....	<i>Business Administrator</i>
Ms. Debbie Brake.....	<i>Nursery</i>
Ms. Beverly Bieker.....	<i>Office Assistant</i>
Mr. Kris Kiser.....	<i>Church Sexton</i>

CURRENT VESTRY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Mr. Eric Lampke, '27.....	<i>Senior Warden, Bldgs-Grounds</i>
Mrs. Judy Jackson Malina, '26.....	<i>Junior Warden, Outreach</i>
Dr. Blaine Rudisill, '26.....	<i>Pastoral Care</i>
Mrs. Suzanne Whatley, '25.....	<i>Parish Life</i>
Mrs. Fe McLaughlin, '26.....	<i>Parish Life, Newcomers</i>
Ms. Marilyn Walters, '26.....	<i>In-reach</i>
Mr. George Sowersby, '27.....	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
Mrs. Pat Townsend, '27.....	<i>In-reach</i>
Ms. Dionne R. Browning.....	<i>Vestry Clerk</i>
Mr. Steve Campbell.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mrs. Kenna Watts.....	<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>