

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

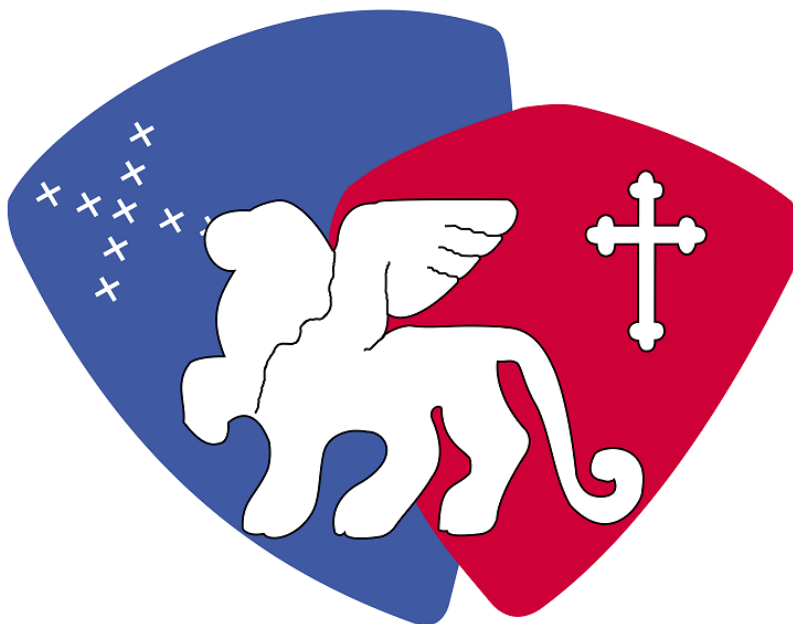
Our Vision:

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

May 10, 2026, 9:30 AM

Prelude

Jim Lowery

Processional Hymn

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

Hymnal pg. 377

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Gloria (S 280)

BCP pg. 356

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

(found on page 3)

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Dale Ward

Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

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The New Testament

1 Peter 3:13-22

Eden Isbell

The Sequence Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Ever Living”

Hymnal pg. 511

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Sermon

The Rev. Allan McCaslin

The Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

*Readings Appointed for
The Sixth Sunday of Easter*



The Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 66:7-18

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
 and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Prayers of the People; Form 1 - BCP pg. 383

Fran Henderson

The leader adds the following prayer,

And on this Mother's Day, we give thanks and pray for all mothers, and those who have mothered us: who cared for us when we were helpless; who comforted us when we were hurt; and whose love and care we often took for granted. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mother; for those who have never known their biological mother, and now yearn for her; for those who have experienced the wonder of an adopted mother's love; and for those who feel separated from or neglected by their mothers. Lord God, give us grace to follow the good example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and lead our children, and those entrusted to our care, to know and do what is honorable and good in your sight, living and loving not for ourselves alone, but for you and others.

People Amen.

The Priest offers a concluding Collect

BCP 395

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(please greet each other in the name of 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 B	BCP pg. 367
Sanctus		Hymnal S 129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP pg. 364
The Breaking of the Bread		
The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S 154
The Ministration of the Communion		
Communion Hymns	"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"	Hymnal pg. 657
	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	Hymnal pg. 324
	"Bread of the World"	Hymnal pg. 301
Post Communion Prayer		BCP pg. 365
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn	"Come Down, O Love Divine"	Hymnal pg. 516
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 will now be open for intercessory prayer, with Steve Thomas serving as intercessor.

Adult Christian Education Series (ACE) “Promises, Promises!”

Our Baptismal Covenant Promises are far more than words. They are fundamental to our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ and intended to be a way of life – a way of life that truly reflects the life-changing and sacramental depth of Holy Baptism, and for that matter, all of the sacraments.

This 3-part series delves into the intent of each of the promises and offers some practical guidance on how to make those words, “I will, with God’s help” a reality in your life *and* the life of our parish as we enter the discernment process of calling our next Rector.

Our series concludes today with an exploration of what it means to: **“Repent and Return to the Lord.”**

Classes are held at **10:45 am** in the **Middle School Room** (2nd Floor). All are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring along a copy of The Book of Common Prayer, your preferred Bible translation, as well as a pen and paper.



Happy Mother's Day!

SCHEDULE FOR LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS - MAY 2026

	May 3 5 th Sunday in Easter	May 10 6 th Sunday in Easter	May 17 7 th Sunday in Easter	May 24 Day of Pentecost
Lay Reader 9:30 AM	Ot: Joe Bieker Ps: Barbara Hartsell Epistle: Heather Griffin Prayers: Donna Dillon	Ot: Dale Ward Ps: J Dale Ward Ep: Eden Isbell Pray: Fran Henderson	Ot: Heanzlene DeCastro Ps: Heanzlene DeCastro Ep: Omar DeCastro Pray: Leslie Harris	OT: Judy Jackson-Malina Ps: Judy Jackson-Malina EP: Judith Maloney Pray: Pat Townsend
Ushers	Blaine Rudisill Cookie Rudisill	Steve Campbell George Sowersby	Walter Hobbs Chapell Harris	Nancy Byers Bob Ridgeway
Greeters	Bev Bieker Danelle Blackwell	<u>Tamberellas</u>	Jessie Paradise Marilyn Walters	Fitzgeralds
Acolytes	T: Ella Carsner T: Jack Carsner C: Nora Johnson G: Natalie Johnson	T: Ethan Jones T: Mason McCarey C: Tucker Doyne G: Millie Lampke	T: Jake Barker T: Alex Griffin C: Kenya Pond G: Kenslie DeCastro	T: Alex Griffin T: Kenya Pond C: Tucker Doyne G: Emma-Kate Griffin O: Natalie Johnson O: Kenslie DeCastro
Nursery		Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake
Preacher	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Houston Matthews	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin
Flowers				
Altar Guild		Mary Barker	Richard Martinez Pat Spezialetti	Kenna Watts Anna Smith
Coffee Hour				
Vestry Lock-Up	Pat Townsend	Pat Townsend	Pat Townsend	Pat Townsend

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>