

# 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

June 14, 2026, 9:30 AM

**Prelude** Fantasia on “Nun Danket” Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

**Processional Hymn** “Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymnal pg.365

### The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP pg. 355**  
People *And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

### 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 Old Testament Genesis 18:1-15 Richard Martinez

Psalm Psalm 116:1,10-17 Richard Martinez

The New Testament Romans 5:1-8 Jay Barnes

**The Sequence Hymn** “Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word” **Hymnal pg. 530**

**The Gospel** Matthew 9:35-10:8

**The Sermon** **The Rev. Deacon Cathy Wesson**

**The Nicene Creed** **BCP pg. 358**

**The Prayers of the People; Form VI - BCP pg. 392** Bonnie Kieffer

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution** **BCP pg. 360**

### 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)*

*Readings Appointed for*  
*The Third Sunday after Pentecost*



## **The Collect**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **First Lesson**

**Genesis 18:1-15**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

## The Psalm

116:1, 10-17

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## The Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

## The Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and Chappell Harris' life by Leslie Harris*

**Announcements with:**

**Birthday Prayer**

**BCP pg. 830**

**Anniversary Prayer**

**BCP pg. 431**

**Offertory**

**Andante in D Minor**

**Felix Mendelssohn**

**Presentation**

**Doxology**

**The Liturgy of the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer D**

**BCP pg. 372**

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal S 129**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP pg. 364**

**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 Ministration of the Communion**

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

**Communion Hymns**     **“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord ”**

**Hymnal pg. 304**

**“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”**

**Hymnal pg. 593**

**“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”**

**Hymnal pg. 671**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP pg. 365**

**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn**     **“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

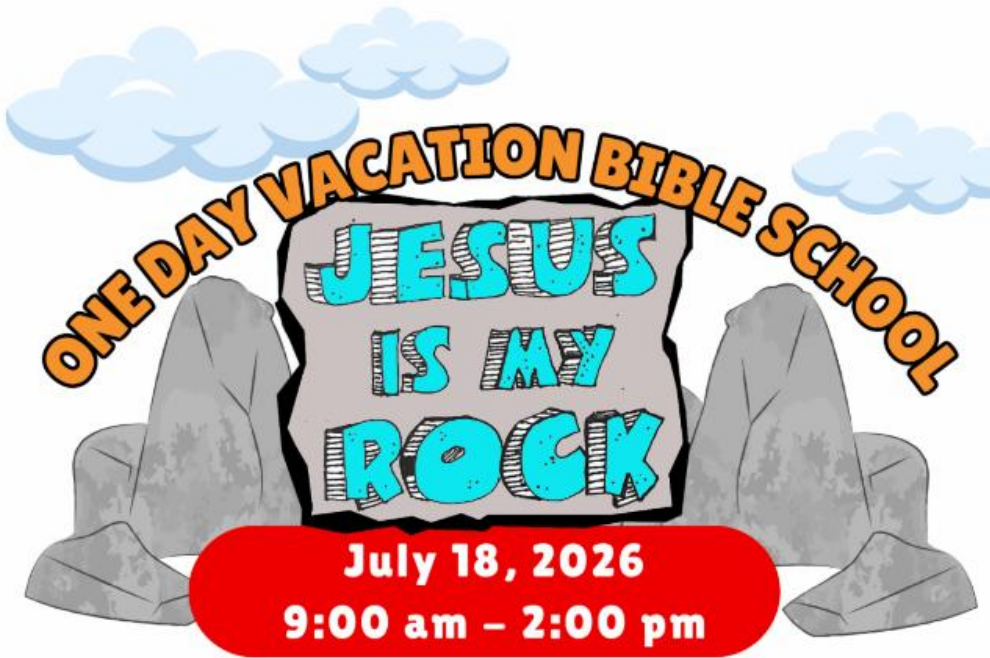
**Hymnal pg. 344**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

**Toccata on “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

# Announcements



-  **Crafts**
  -  **Games**
  -  **Bible Stations**
  -  **Ice Cream Social**
- Jam packed with exciting 'rocky' summer activities!**
- Preschool to Grade 6**
- Lunch Included**

**Registration Required**  
**No Fee**



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# CPR and AED Training



Join us at All Saints for an engaging, one-day American Red Cross certification course. In just four hours, you will gain the confidence and hands-on skills needed to save lives across all age groups.

## What You Will Learn

- **Lifesaving Techniques:** Hands-on CPR for infants, children, and adults.
- **AED Operation:** How to safely assist someone experiencing cardiac arrest.
- **Practical Training:** Real-world scenarios guided by expert instructional videos.

## Class Details

- **Date:** Saturday, July 25
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (4 hours)
- **Location:** All Saints

## Registration Bonus:

We have **three free slots left** available at no cost to the participant. Send an email to Reverend Tara at [rector@allsaintsgastonia.org](mailto:rector@allsaintsgastonia.org).

## 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](mailto: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**



## SCHEDULE FOR LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS – JUNE 2026

	June 7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	June 14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	June 21 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	June 28 <u>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u>
<b>Lay Reader 9:30 AM</b>	Ot: Pete Laine Ps: Pete Laine Epistle: <u>Nancy Byers</u> Prayers: <u>Yolanda Laine</u>	Ot: Richard Martinez Ps: <u>Richard Martinez</u> Ep: <u>Jay Barnes</u> Prayers: <u>Bonnie Kieffer</u>	Ot: Linda Galda Ps: Linda Galda Ep: Barbara Hartsell Prayers: <u>Ed Galda</u>	Ot: Donna Dillon Ps: Donna Dillon EP: <u>Joe Bieker</u> Prayers: <u>Barbara Hartsell</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Blaine Rudisill Cookie Rudisill	Steve Campbell Chappell Harris	Walter Hobbs George Sowersby	<u>Hyce Bull</u> Jessie Paradice
<b>Greeters</b>	Anna Carsner Richard Carsner	Jessie Paradice Danelle Blackwell	Bev Bieker Marilyn Walters	Fitzgeralds
<b>Acolytes</b>	C: Alex Griffin G: Emma Kate Griffin	<u>C</u> : Kenya Pond G: Kenslie DeCastro	C : Mason McCarey G: Millie Lampke	C: Jake Barker G: Nora Johnson
<b>Nursery</b>		Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake
<b>Preacher</b>	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Rev. Deacon Cathy Wesson	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin
<b>Flowers</b>		Leslie Harris	Marilyn Almcrantz	Chappell Harris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bev Bieker	Mary Fitzgerald Gloria Bull	Yolanda Laine Pat Townsend	Penny Barker Pat Townsend
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Mike & Patti <u>Tamberella</u>	Tim & Fe McLaughlin	Mike & Patti <u>Tamberella</u>	Mike & Patti <u>Tamberella</u>
<b>Vestry Lock-Up</b>	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 in Christ, we hope that you will take some time and just be among us. We want to learn who you are, worship with you, and share in your 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>