

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

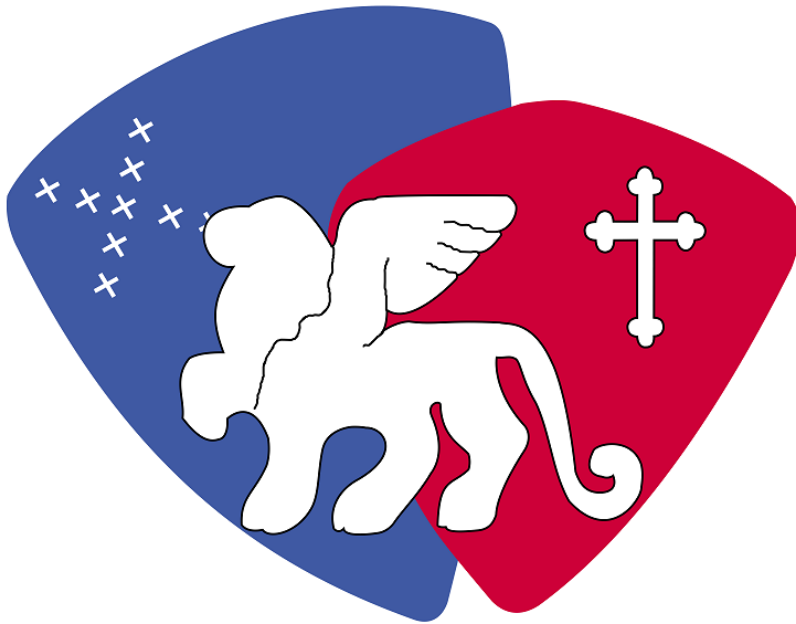
Our Vision:

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
August 2, 2026, 9:30 AM

Prelude	“Trio”	Georg Sorge
Processional Hymn	“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”	Hymnal pg. 7

The Liturgy of the Word

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

The Collect for Purity

Gloria (S 280)	BCP pg. 324
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Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>
Celebrant	Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

The Old Testament	Exodus 34:29-35
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Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

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Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him..

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm:

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
 and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
 they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
 you were a God who forgave them,
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
 and worship him upon his holy hill; *
 for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The New Testament

2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn “Christ Upon the Mountain Peak” Hymnal pg. 129

The Gospel Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence is kept.

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For Donald, our President; for Josh, our Governor; for all elected officials; for this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: We pray for those who have asked for prayers, for those in harm's way, for the unemployed, the lonely, for those who are sick, or in need, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Churches of the Transfiguration at Bat Cave and Saluda.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop: and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those who travel this week.

I invite your prayers of intercession either silently or aloud.

The People add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Leader: We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week; and for those celebrating wedding anniversaries.

We give thanks for all the ministries and activities of this parish, and pray God's continued blessing on all who partake of, or serve in them.

Leader: I invite your prayers of thanksgiving either silently or aloud.

The People add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for _____, (and) all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Confession of Sin: *(Prayed by all present)*

BCP p. 393

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

BCP pg. 330

The Commissioning of the Parish Rector Search Committee

The Priest invites the Search Committee members to come forward to the Altar rail. Members of the Vestry present at this commissioning gather with those to be commissioned.

Priest: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Senior Warden:

I present these persons to be commissioned to the ministry of serving on the Search Committee for this congregation.

The Priest asks the Senior Warden:

Are these persons prepared by a commitment to Christ, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of his parish?

Senior Warden: I believe they are.

The Priest asks the Search Committee:

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Search Committee: We will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God and the benefit of the members of this parish

Search Committee: We will, with God's help.

The Priest asks the Congregation:

Will you, who witness these vows, do all in your power to support these persons in this special vocation?

Congregation: We will.

Priest: Let us pray.

The Clergy, and Vestry members encircle the Committee and lay their hands upon them as the Priest offers the following Commissioning Prayer.

Eternal God, foundation of all wisdom and source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the members of this Search Committee. So guide their minds, so rule their hearts, so enflame their spirits, that your church may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip them for ministry. We ask these things through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Priest greets the Committee saying,

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as members of the Rector Search Committee of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. May God bless you and your ministry together. **Amen.**

All stand.

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)

Announcements with:

Birthday Prayer

BCP pg. 830

Anniversary Prayer

BCP pg. 431

Offertory

“Words of Amber”

Olafur Arnalds

Presentation

The 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

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

Communion Hymns:

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

Hymnal pg. 318

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Hymnal pg. 337

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymnal pg. 383

Post Communion Prayer

BCP pg. 339

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!”

Hymnal pg. 137

Dismissal

Postlude

“Praeludium in C”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Announcements

Clothing Closet Needs

Our Clothing Closet has a few ongoing needs. If you're out shopping and can add an item or two to your cart, it makes a real difference to those we serve at our doors during the week.

Men's Small		Men's Medium	Men's Large	Men's Sneakers
Drawstring Shorts Hoodies Sweatpants Shirts		Drawstring Shorts Sweatshirts Sweatpants Hoodies	Sweatshirts Hoodies	All sizes

Diocesan Bishop Search Survey

The diocesan Bishop Search Committee is preparing an online survey to solicit parishioner input on what we perceive is needed in our next bishop, provide feedback on diocesan programs and focus, and share our desires for The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. This is an excellent opportunity to let parishioner voices be heard and taken into consideration. The window for submitting your completed survey is August 2nd through August 30th.

To receive the survey, parishioners must subscribe online to the Diocesan Weekly E-News, "Along the Way." Please use the following link to sign up:

<https://www.diocesewnc.org/newsletter>



Vestry Opportunities

Alongside the formation of our search committee, we are also eager to identify members of our community who would be willing to serve on Vestry, beginning with a mid-term seat this year. As we continue through this season of transition, strong and engaged leadership matters more than ever. If you feel called to serve, or know someone who might be, please reach out to any member of the Vestry.

Are You Receiving St. Mark's E-blast Notifications?

If you are not receiving the St. Mark's E-blast notifications, please reach out to the office, because we want everyone to be included in our communications.

Stewardship Summer Reminder

As many of us are in and out during the summer, our giving tends to slow down. Remembering St. Mark's in your summer stewardship helps us maintain the week-to-week activities that keep our church going, and the work that support our parish and community. We're grateful for your faithfulness in every season.

Mid-Year Giving Status

In light of the mid-year update shared earlier this week via the e-blast, if you'd like to check your 2026 giving status, please reach out to the office. Dionne will be glad to provide that information.

Young at Heart Camp –Aug 25-27 – Lake Logan



Join us at Lake Logan for guided adventures, live music, campfire sing-alongs, and everything the lake and Shining Rock Wilderness have to offer. Whether you're looking for outdoor exploration or a quiet moment with good company, Young at Heart Camp at Lake Logan has something for everyone.

SCHEDULE FOR LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS – AUGUST 2026

	August 2 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 9 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 16 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 23 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	August 30 12 th Sunday after Pentecost
Lay Reader 9:30 AM	OT: Linda Galda Ps: Linda Galda NT: Donna Dillon Prayers: Ed Galda	OT: Barbara Hartsell Ps: Barbara Hartsell NT: George Sowersby Prayers : George Sowersby	OT: Rachel Varriale Ps: Rachel Varriale NT: Richard Martinez Prayers: Nancy Byers	OT: Fran Henderson Ps: Fran Henderson NT: Yolanda Laine Prayers: Pete Laine	OT: John Watts Ps: John Watts NT: Judith Maloney Prayers: Shay Matthews
Ushers	Chappell Harris Marilyn Walters	Jessie Paradice Nancy Byers	Hyce Bull George Sowersby	Bob Ridgeway Chappell Harris	Blaine Rudisill Cookie Rudisill
Greeters	John Fitzgerald Mary Fitzgerald	Anna Carsner Richard Carsner	Patti Tamberella Mike Tamberella	Fe McLaughlin Tim McLaughlin	Danelle Blackwell Susan Sowersby
Acolytes	C: Jake Barner G: Natalie Johnson	C: Alex Griffin G: Emma Kate Griffin	C: Tucker Doyne G:	C: G: Ethan Jones	C: Mason McCarey G: Nora Johnson
Nursery		Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake
Preacher	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin
Flowers	Bev Ipock	Available for Sponsorship	Available for Sponsorship	Available for Sponsorship	Ann Ward
Altar Guild	Richard Martinez Pat Spetzialetti	Bev Bieker	Gloria Bull Mary Stamey	Yolanda Laine Pat Townsend	Mary Fitzgerald Penny Barker
Coffee Hour	Fe & Tim McLaughlin	Fe & Tim McLaughlin	TBD	TBD	TBD
Vestry Lock-Up	George Sowersby	George Sowersby	George Sowersby	George Sowersby	George Sowersby

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>