

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

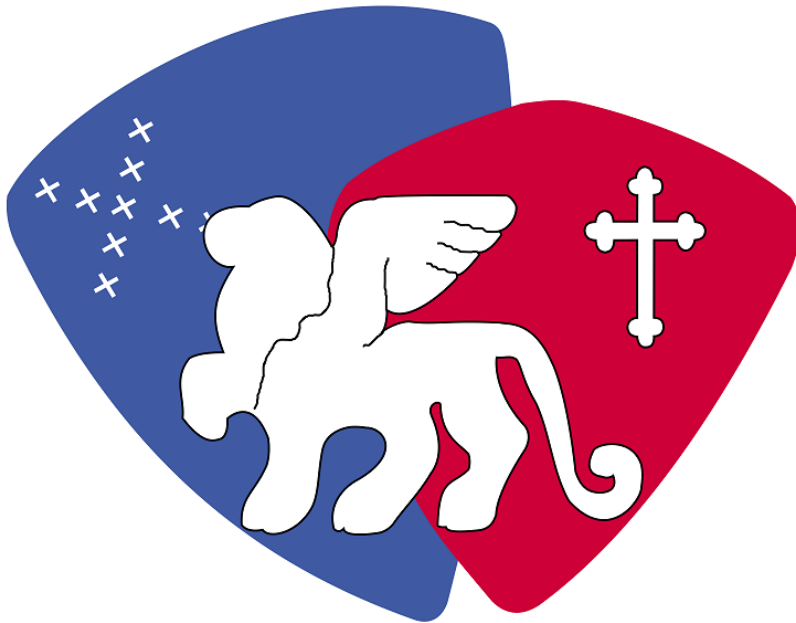
Our Vision:

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

June 28, 2026, 9:30 AM

Prelude

Processional Hymn “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” Hymnal pg.609

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 22:1-14 Donna Dillon

Psalm Psalm 13 Donna Dillon

The New Testament Romans 6:12-23 Joe Bieker

The Sequence Hymn “Take My Life and Let it Be” Hymnal pg. 707

The Gospel Matthew 10:40-49

The Sermon **The Rev. R. Allan McCaslin**

The Nicene Creed **BCP pg. 358**

The Prayers of the People; Form II- **BCP pg. 385** Barbara Hartsell

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



The Collect

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

- 1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

The Epistle

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in gratitude for our marriage by Chappell Harris.*

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 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 Am the Bread of Life"

Hymnal pg. 335

"See Ye First the Kingdom of God"

Hymnal pg. 711

"Father, We Thank Three Who Hast Planted"

Hymnal pg. 302

Post Communion Prayer

BCP pg. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Hymnal pg. 410

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

Community Garden

Our regular garden crew works hard on Saturday mornings to keep the beds healthy and thriving, and they'd welcome a few extra hands. Watering and light weeding are the biggest needs right now. If you have a few minutes around 10:00 AM on a Saturday, reach out to the office or to Travis Johnson to see how you can help.

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



The Daughters of the King are looking for women who are interested in becoming a member of the Daughters of the King. Please, contact Bonnie Kieffer at bkieffer2665@gmail.com or any member of D.O.K. (we'll be wearing a Cross of the Order)

**Bishop's Farewell Party: Aug 1, 2026 – RSVP
Aug 1st – 12:30-3:30pm at Christ School in Arden**



**Vacation Bible School at All Saints
Saturday July 18, 2026 9am-2pm
Call 704-864-7102 for more information**

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 Bicker.....	<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>