

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

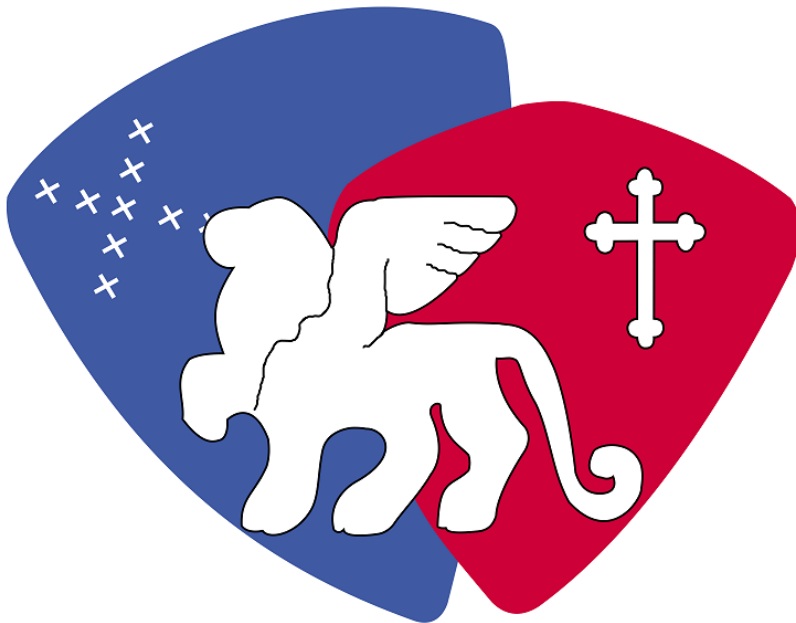
***Our Vision:***

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 First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
**May 31, 2026, 9:30 AM**

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn**      “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”      **Hymnal p.362**

**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 1:1-2:4a      George Sowersby

**Psalm**      Psalm 8      George Sowersby

**The New Testament**      2 Corinthians 13:11-13      John Watts

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

**The Gospel**      Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

**The Prayers of the People; Form IV - BCP pg. 388**      Rachel Varriale

**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 First Sunday after Pentecost*



## **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Old Testament**

## **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule

over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## The Epistle

### 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord  
*Thanks be to God*

# The Gospel

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

## Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you, Lord 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 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**

<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<b>“One Bread, One Body ”</b>	<b>LEVAS #151</b>
	<b>“In Remembrance of Me”</b>	<b>LEVAS #149</b>
	<b>“Let Us Break Bread Together”</b>	<b>LEVAS #152</b>
	<b>“Taste and See”</b>	<b>LEVAS #154</b>
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>		<b>BCP pg. 365</b>
<b>The Blessing</b>		
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”</b>	<b>Hymnal #388</b>
<b>Dismissal</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>		

*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.

**VBS  
Update**

**Update:** We will not be having VBS at St. Mark's this year.

However, All Saints is having VBS on Saturday, Jul 18<sup>th</sup> for rising 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The theme is "Jesus is my Rock." Feel free to support All Saaints! Call or email The Rev. Tara Bartal to let her know you would like to participate or volunteers.

### 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!*

RSVP – via a link  
on our website homepage

*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**



**RSVP**  
**Click Here**

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

	June 7 <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u>	June 14 <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u>	June 21 <u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u>	June 28 <u>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u>
<b>Lay Reader 9:30 AM</b>	Ot: <u>Pete Laine</u> Ps: <u>Pete Laine</u> Epistle: <u>Nancy Byers</u> Prayers: <u>Yolanda Laine</u>	Ot: <u>Richard Martinez</u> Ps: <u>Richard Martinez</u> Ep: <u>Jay Barnes</u> Pray: <u>Bonnie Kieffer</u>	Ot: <u>Linda Galda</u> Ps: <u>Linda Galda</u> Ep: <u>Barbara Hartsell</u> Pray: <u>Ed Galda</u>	Ot: <u>Donna Dillon</u> Ps: <u>Donna Dillon</u> Ep: <u>Joe Bieker</u> Pray: <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: <u>Alex Griffin</u> G: <u>Emma Kate Griffin</u>	<u>C: Kenya Pond</u> G: <u>Kenslie DeCastro</u>	C: <u>Mason McCarey</u> G: <u>Millie Lampke</u>	C: <u>Jake Barker</u> G: <u>Nora Johnson</u>
<b>Nursery</b>		Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake	Debbie Brake
<b>Preacher</b>	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	Fr. R. Allan McCaslin	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 TBD	Yolanda Laine Pat Townsend	Penny Barker TBD
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<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, 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>