Communion Hymns *sung by all*
What does the Lord require? *(Sharpthorne)* Hymnal 605
Rise up, ye saints of God *(Festal Song)* Hymnal 551

Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors *(when applicable)*
Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
Congregation **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please stand
Prayer for Mission *said by all* BCP 366
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
Lord, whose love through humble service *(Blaenhaffren)* Hymnal 610

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude
Allegro ma non troppo *from* Op. 2, No. 2 Jean-Marie Leclair

Music Notes

Violinist – Corina Weinmair

The opening hymn reflects the reading form Leviticus in which God's people are declared holy. The sequence hymn reflects the reading from 1 Thessalonians and its message of caring for one another. The other three hymns and the first communion anthem reflect themes from today's Gospel.

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VISITOR INFORMATION

Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

Nursery and Restrooms

A **nursery** is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are on break for the summer, except for Christianity Today which meets at 11 a.m. in Grace House.

GIVING INFORMATION
Offerings can be put in the plate or text SMJAX to 53555 or scan QR code →

PLEDGE
To make a 2027 pledge scan QR code →

Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

Lectors Leslie Freeman, Brooks Whittaker, Agnes Danciger
Acolytes Claire Crum, Gray Chunn, Ann Palmer Chunn, Hadley Surface
Chalice Bearers Anne Lee, Childress Lee, Marcia Simmons, Jess Simmons
Ushers Steve Sirbaugh, Harvey Granger, Joey Milne, Nick Pulignano, Jeff Smith
Verger Frank Scheu **LEV** Carol and Jim Rountree
Altar Guild Leslie Freeman, Stephanie Baker, Dudley Grace, Trisha MacRae, Caroline Mann, Una Pardue, Lindsay Runnels, Barbara Simcox, Tori Tutwiler
Flower Guild Ellen Ball, Caroljo Creighton, Maggie Draus

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in thanksgiving for all the wonderful volunteers who bless our lives at St. Mark's.

*Please contact the church office to donate and dedicate altar flowers.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vision
St. Mark's is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God's world. (Ps 46:4-5)
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church Mission
To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God's Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026 - Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude
Andante and Allegro grazioso *from* Op. 2, No. 2 Jean-Marie Leclair

The Word of God

Please stand
Hymn in Procession *sung by all*
Thy strong word didst cleave the darkness *(Ton-y-Botel)* Hymnal 381

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *sung by all* Hymnal S 236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson – Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – 1 *simplified Anglican chant sung by all* *chant:* J. W. Meachen

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the / LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and / night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season with leaves that do not / wither; *
everything they do shall / prosper.
4 It is not so with the / wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a/way.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
6 For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Sequence Hymn *sung by all*

God of mercy, God of grace *(Lucerna Laudoniae)* Hymnal 538

Holy Gospel – Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" '? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children's Chapel as the congregation sings "Jesus loves me".

Sermon – The Rev. Charlie Holt

Please stand

Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form IV BCP 388

Confession BCP 360

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Ave verum corpus W. A. Mozart

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary: you who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

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Please stand

Offertory Hymn – The Doxology *sung by2all* Hymnal 380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues…

Sanctus *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Lord's Prayer *said by all* BCP 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem *sung by all* *musical setting:* Hymnal S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Please be seated

Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by "intinction" (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

Healing Prayer Ministry is offered in the Chapel. After receiving communion, come to the Chapel where prayer ministers will remain through the end of the service.

Communion Anthems

If ye love me Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever; e'en the spirit of truth.

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Lead me, Lord S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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