

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

September 1, 2024

9:30 a.m.

— WELCOME —



From the Rector The Rev. Christian Paul Basel

Welcome to St. Mark's! We're so glad that you've joined us for worship. Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime member, we'd love to connect with you. Please take a moment to fill out the welcome card in the pew in front of you, or use the QR code below to share your information with us digitally.

Today, we're excited to bring back music and hymns to all of our Sunday services. Music is a joyful expression of our faith, and we're blessed with many talented musicians at St. Mark's. If you're interested in joining our choir or sharing your musical gifts during special events, please reach out! You can connect with our Music Director, Jason Gilbert, any Sunday in person or by email.

As we look forward to a vibrant fall season, take a moment to browse through the bulletin and see all that's happening at St. Mark's this month. Don't miss our Fall Kickoff Celebration next Sunday, September 8th, at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Enjoy refreshments, learn about our various ministries, and sign up for any that interest you! Remember to bring your backpacks, work bags, diaper bags, or whatever else for a special back-to-school blessing during our service.

As worship beings, take a deep breath and feel God's presence among you. Together, we grow in faith and love through our worship, learning, service, and giving. You are an important part of this community's journey, and we are thankful to share it with you. May your time here be a source of inspiration and peace - we look forward to seeing you again soon!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to The Rev. Christian Paul Basel.



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September 1, 2024 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love
Dana Anderson, organ

Gordon Young

THE PROCESSION Hymnal 594

Please stand

God of grace and God of glory

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 181

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSONS

Please be seated

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

PSALM 15

Read in unison

- 1 *Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?*
- 2 *Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.*
- 3 *There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.*
- 4 *In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.*
- 5 *He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.*
- 6 *He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.*
- 7 *Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.*

JAMES 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

SEQUENCE Hymnal 694

God be in my Head

Please stand

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Please stand

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Reverend Christian P. Basel

Please be seated

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

Please stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand

Officiant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for Christ Church in Newcastle and for the Diocese of Ikwo in Nigeria. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in celebration of Jackson Sauls' birthday, and in celebration of Laraine Hutchison's birthday.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Mark and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We will now have a moment for quiet contemplation and lifting your prayers up to God.

The Officiant adds a concluding collect

CONFESSION

BCP 331

Please kneel

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Please stand

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

BCP 830

Watch over Your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may Your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Just As I Am

Gordon Young

An offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

DOXOLOGY Hymnal 380, vs 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

SANCTUS Hymnal S 114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
- in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or stand

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD Hymnal S 158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for Communion. Those wishing to receive a prayer of blessing are invited to the altar rail, crossing your arms over your chest to indicate a blessing. Please inform the priest at the altar rail if you desire gluten-free wafers.

COMMUNION Hymnal 433

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

Please kneel

Officiant Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCESSION Hymnal 473

Lift high the cross

Please stand

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Ruth Perdeu

All are invited for coffee and refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

If you are unable to make it to church and would like communion, please contact the church office.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in celebration of Jackson Sauls' birthday given by his family, and in celebration of Laraine Hutchison's birthday, given by her family. You may sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the rear of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed and due recognition given accordingly. Cost is \$70.00.

A NOTE ON THE COVER ART

The stained-glass windows of the All Saints' Chapel were installed in the early 1960s and are a testament to faith and history. The north window features St. Paul; St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr; and St. Francis. The South window honors significant figures in Episcopal history: Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, the first Bishop of Wyoming; Bishop Samuel Seabury, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, the author of the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. These windows reflect the rich spiritual heritage of our church.

ST. MARK'S PARKING

We are thankful to the Cheyenne family that allows us to use their parking lot west of the church on Sunday mornings. It's a parking lot that is leased by others throughout the week.

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MORE DAYS
**St. Mark's Kickoff
Celebration**

Join us for a joyous kickoff to our program year at St. Mark's! After Sunday services on September 8th, head to the Parish Hall for fellowship, fun, and refreshments, and get a preview of the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you!

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

**Sunday
September 8
9:30 am**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us Sunday, 9/8 at 9:30 am, for the **Blessing of the Backpacks!** Bring your school or work bag for a special blessing as we pray for a year of learning, growth, and success.

soul shop

Faith-based Suicide Prevention

September 9th

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Parish Hall

Free Admission

Register Today:

diowy.info/soulshop



We are excited to announce that St. Mark's Episcopal Church is hosting a FREE faith-based Soul Shop™ Suicide Prevention workshop on September 9th, from 8:30 to 4:30 pm. This one-day workshop is part of a series organized by the Episcopal Church in Wyoming during Suicide Prevention Month. It is designed for anyone interested in helping to develop "soul-safe" communities by equipping our congregation to address suicide as a regular aspect of our life and work. Register early as space is limited to 50 participants.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: A nationwide resource offering immediate support for individuals in crisis. By dialing 988, individuals can connect with trained counselors who provide free and confidential support 24/7.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 6, 2024 | 2:00 pm | Bell Garden



Join us for the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 6th, at 2:00 pm. Bring your pets - whether they have paws, wings, scales, or even stuffed animals - to receive a special blessing.

Fall Formation & Confirmation

Sunday Formation: The Gospel of Mark

Guild Room

Sundays, September 15 - October 13

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Adult Confirmation

Guild Room

Monday Evenings

September 9 - October 14

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Please register for Confirmation by emailing Fr. Christian: cbasel@stmarkscheyenne.org

— CALENDAR —

Monday, September 2 -	Labor Day, office closed
Sunday, September 8 -	Blessing of the Backpacks during service at 9:30 a.m. St. Mark's Kickoff Celebration after service in Parish Hall
Monday, September 9 -	Soul Shop 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Parish Hall Start of Adult Confirmation 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Guild Room (Every Monday, ending on October 14)
Wednesday, September 11 -	Yoga Eucharist 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall (Every second Wednesday of the month)
Sunday, September 15 -	Sunday Formation: Gospel of Mark 11:00 a.m. in Guild Room (Every Sunday, ending on October 13)
Friday, September 20 -	Taizé Service 6:30 p.m. (Every third Friday of the month)
Fri, Sept. 27 - Sat, Sept 28 -	Diocesan Convention in Casper
Sunday, October 6 -	Blessing of the Animals 2:00 p.m. in Bell Garden
Sunday, October 13 -	Beer & Hymn Sing 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 14 -	Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day, office closed
Saturday, October 19 -	Confirmation & Reception at St. Christopher's
Sunday, October 20 -	Installation of Fr. Christian with Reception to Follow
Sunday, October 27 -	Blessing of the Costumes during service at 9:30 a.m.
Friday, November 1 -	All Saints' Eucharist Rite I 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 2 -	All Souls' Evensong 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 3 -	All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time ends (set your clocks 1 hour back)
Monday, November 11 -	Veterans Day, office closed
Sunday, November 24 -	Christ the King Sunday and Parish Brunch
Thursday, November 28 -	Thanksgiving, office closed Thursday & Friday
Wednesday, December 4 -	Advent Eucharist & Simple Supper 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Every Wednesday, ending on December 18)
Tuesday, December 24 -	Christmas Eve Rite I Christmas Eve Eucharist 2:00 p.m. Rite II Christmas Service & Pageant 5:00 p.m. Rite II Choral Eucharist 11:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25 -	Christmas Day Christmas Eucharist 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 26 -	Feast of St. Stephen Rite I 12:00 p.m.
Friday, December 27 -	Feast of St. John Rite I 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 31 -	New Year's Eve
Wednesday, January 1 -	New Year's Day



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