

Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
Rev. Trevor R. Babb +
8:30 and 10:30 Services

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1982 #440 Blessed Jesus at Thy Word

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

1982 Hymnal #S280, GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The celebrant then continues.
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

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

GOSPEL HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

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But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon Rev. Trevor R. Babb +

THE NICENE CREED

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 worshiped 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" Ephesians 5:2
Offitory hymn: 1982 Hymnal #610 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.***

Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS 1982 Hymnal #S130

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.

Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

Celebrant: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia***

FRACTION ANTHEM 1982 Hymnal #S164 Jesus Lamb of God

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #662 Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

AT THE COMMUNION

- *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.*
- *All are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- G*luten-free wafers are available. Indicate by crossing fingers.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing by Celebrant

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 1982 Hymnal #662 Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia,
People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia***

The flowers are given in loving memory of Martha Ann Springer, devoted Christian and longtime member of St. Mark's, from her fellow Christians.

St. Mark's Prayer List
We lift up the following in heartfelt prayer: Marion Johannsson, Mary Zacharias, Beth Hunt, Marsha Phillips, Saunders Black, Michael Marecheau, Paul and Michelle Cravetz, Maureen Pollard, Mary Walton, Mark Taylor, Melissa Stewart, O'Bryon family, Marc Bowen, Joan Bixby, Shirley Leisey, Blanche Webb, William Davis, Ben Hester, Saylor Graham, and Amy Holland.

We continue to pray for the success and growth of the following ministries of St. Mark's: La Escuelita San Marcos, Ranson Middle School, and Flyin' Lion Ministries. We also pray for our friends at Caterpillar Ministries and Angels & Sparrows Community Table.

We pray for those in our parish celebrating happy events: Tracy and Mike Tinsley.

Announcements for this week

Looking for a simple, high-impact way to give back and connect with your church community? We need friendly faces to welcome neighbors, friends, and newcomers to our 10:30 a.m. service!

Why join the team?

Minimal Time: Just 10–15 minutes right before the service begins

Low Commitment: Serve just one Sunday a month (or less!)

Easy & Fun: Just bring a smile and say hello

Ready to help?

Please contact Julie Hornsby jannehornsby@gmail.com or the church office to get signed up. Let's make everyone feel right at home!

Give Here

Announcements for this week

W.I.N.E.
(Women in Need of Entertainment)
November 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., Hosted by
Tracy Tinsley at her home, 11737 Trails End Ln.
Huntersville, NC 28078
Bring food and/or wine to share.
This event is open to all the women of our church.

2027 Pledge Form



Capital Campaign



Daughters of the King

Our vow is for prayer, service, and evangelism, and confidentiality is paramount to our prayer vow. We can pray for you confidentially for anything you do not wish to be put on the public prayer list. We pray daily for many people including our weekly church prayer list. We have provided cards that you can fill out for these requests. You can put them in the offertory plate, give to a DOK member or slide them under Marcia's door.

Announcements for this week



Frasier Fir Wreaths and Trees

Buy your fresh, amazing Frasier Fir wreaths and trees from Stone Mountain Farms, 100% of profits go to La Escuelita San Marcos! Wreaths and trees can be picked up from St. Mark's on Sunday, Nov. 29th. Orders close on Sunday, Nov. 22nd.

Purchase Here

Announcements for this week

St Mark's Vendor Market

Saturday, December 5th | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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