



Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 7th, 2025
David Fahey, Leader
9:30 Service

DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

OPENING HYMN: 1982 Hymnal # 488 O Worship the King

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Psalm 105:1*

The Officiant says to the people: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept.)

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

***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 Presider alone stands and says: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE INVITATORY AND THE PSALTER

All stand.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: ***And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

Officiant and People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is not, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7, said together*

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it
well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be
like yours.

***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.***

THE LESSONS

THE LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 11: The Third Song of Isaiah, Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19, said in unison

*Arise, shine, for your light has come, **
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
*For behold, darkness covers the land; **
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
*But over you the Lord will rise, **
and his glory will appear upon you.
*Nations will stream to your light, **
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
*Your gates will always be open; **
by day or night they will never be shut.
*They will call you, The City of the Lord, **
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
*Violence will no more be heard in your land, **
ruin or destruction within your borders.
*You will call your walls, Salvation, **
and all your portals, Praise.
*The sun will no more be your light by day; **
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
*The Lord will be your everlasting light, **
and your God will be your glory.

*Glory 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN: 1982 Hymnal # 675 Take Up Your Cross

Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, because such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

***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.***

Then follows one of the suffrages.

SUFFRAGE B

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People: ***Govern and uphold them, now and always.***
Officiant: Day by day we bless you;
People: ***We praise your name for ever.***
Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People: ***Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.***
Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People: ***For we put our trust in you.***
Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;
People: ***And we shall never hope in vain.***

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. ***Amen.***

Silent intercessions may be made, privately or publicly.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

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

Officiant: May the Divine Assistance remain with us always and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

People: ***Amen.***

HOMILY

David Fahey

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: Lift Every Voice & Sing # 136, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, lyrics on the following page

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more that we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Ephesians 3:20, 21

CLOSING HYMN: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back!
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back!
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back!
No turning back, no turning back!

*The flowers are given in loving memory
Ethel Thompson, the mother of
Florence & Michael Marecheau.*

*May the soul of the dearly departed rest in peace.
We are praying that you will be comforted by prayers and the
love that surrounds you.
Your Black Nurses Rock Greater Charlotte family.*

St. Mark's Prayer List

*We pray especially for: Marion Johannsson, Mary Zacharias,
Beth Hunt, Marsha Phillips, Saunders Black, Martha Ann
Springer, Michael Marecheau, Paul and Michelle Cravetz,
Angela Worme, Maureen Pollard, Kim Summerow, Patricia St.
Clair, Cannon Franklin Morales & family, Rev Deacon Valerie,
Brady McKay, Debra and Betsey Smithdeal, Cindy and Mark
Thrower, Heidi Carranza, Greg Baker and family, Jane Leach
Snow, and Melissa Stewart.*

*We continue to pray for the success and growth of the following
ministries La Escuelita San Marcos, Ranson Middle School,
and Flyin' Lion Ministries.*

*We pray for those in our parish celebrating happy events:
Mandy Self-Sparrow, Mary Kendrick, Andrew Blythe, Emelie
Colmery, Ian Dolittle, and Jim & Terri Smalley.*

Announcements September 7th, 2025

Capital Campaign- To qualify for a new loan for the Rafters and position ourselves better for the next refinance, we are conducting a capital campaign. The funds collected will be used solely for paying additional principal over and above our regular monthly mortgage payment. To pledge, scan the QR code below or log into Realm and select “giving”. Donations can also be made by check. Specify “capital campaign” on the memo line.

Sunday School Sunday Kick Off!- Join us today to come together for a time of fellowship on the first Sunday of Sunday School. More details to come!

St Mark’s Fantasy Football – Football season is back! If you’d like to participate in an inaugural year of fantasy football with your St Mark’s family, please call or text Andrew James at 704-491-0754. We’d love to get a league together this year for fun and bragging rights. No experience necessary.

All Saints Sunday, November 2nd – Please email life@stmarksnc.org with any names of family members or friends you wish to lift up in memory or in honor during our prayers on All Saints Sunday.

Giving Form



Capital Campaign

