

Birthdays: Ginger Countryman, Julia Adams, Laurel Renfroe, Shannon Michaels, Sarah Arthur

Anniversaries: Claudio & Anne-Mieke Leyssens, Bo & Toni Thompson, Robb & Ellen Andersen

Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen and Thomas.

Is a birthday or anniversary missing? Please contact the church office at admin@stmarksdalton.org

St. Mark’s Prayer Chain - If you have a prayer request, you may contact Cathy Houser 706-624-8913, or 404-219-8139; housermc@aol.com

This Sunday at St. Mark’s
July 19, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Early Adult Sunday School
9:45am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Every Thursday
Bible Study - 6:00 pm Library
Al-Anon - 7:00 pm Parish Hall

Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9am - 2pm

Evening Prayer
6:15pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday

A Look Ahead *Subject to Change*

July 25 11-4pm Pop Up Store-Raiz
July 26 12pm Strength in Stillness
July 28 5:30pm Stewardship meeting
July 29 4:30pm Children’s church meeting
Aug 1 2-4pm Lighten their Load
Aug 2 9am Welcome Committee meeting
Aug 2 12:30pm Teets Memorial service
Aug 9 6pm Royal Oaks
Aug 10 6-8pm Griefshare 1st meeting
Aug 12 4pm Preschool Council meet
Aug 12 & 19th 6pm Safety Training
Aug 13 10am Royal Oaks
Aug 16 Kick Off Sunday, Blessing of backpacks & school supplies
Aug 16 Noon Strength in Stillness

Rector	The Rev. Rick Tiff
Visiting Celebrant	The Rev. Perry Scruggs
Music Director & Organist	Beth Nichols
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00AM David & Nancy Chapman 10:30AM Marilyn Lance Tim Hawkins
Lector OT Lector NT	Carter Thompson Stephanie Jinright
Prayer Leader	Thierry Urbain
Verger	Scott Hamlin
Acolytes	Andrea Hamlin, Gregory Washington, Matt Allred
Flower Guild	Cindy Sarratt Ellen Anthony
Altar Guild	Andrea Hamlin, Sally Little
Linen Guild	Marilyn Lance
Ushers	8:00 AM Matt & Rosely Hamilton 10:30 AM Cookie Cook Mike Renfroe
Oblation Bearers	Cook Family
Vestry of the Day	Sally Little
Greeters Video	Brown Family Gregory Washington

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM <i>We begin the service in silence.</i> The Word of God	
Opening Acclamation	BCP p. 323
The Collect for Purity	BCP p. 323
The Gloria	BCP p. 324
The Collect of the Day Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <i>Amen.</i>	
The First Reading Genesis 28:10-19a	
Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 (Please stand and read responsively, by half verse)	
The Second Reading Romans 8:12-25	
The Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	
Sermon	The Rev. Perry Scruggs
The Nicene Creed	BCP p. 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP p. 328
Confession of Sin	BCP p. 331
The Peace	BCP p. 332
The Holy Communion	
Offertory	
Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP p. 333
Sanctus	BCP p. 334
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP p. 336
Fraction	BCP p. 337
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The Communion	BCP p. 338
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Welcome to St. Mark’s Church

*We are glad you have come to worship here this morning.
Please join us in prayerful meditation before the service.
We ask that you turn off cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.
Hymns and Service Music (e.g. S280) may be found in The Hymnal 1982
WLP Hymns may be found in the green hymnal.*

Eight Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM

Prelude All glory be to God on high *J.S. Bach/Johann Walther*

Processional Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise *St. Denio*

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

The Collect for Purity **BCP p. 355**

The Gloria S280 *Robert Powell*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your off-spring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19
(Please stand and read responsively by half verse)

13 For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
16 For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
17 For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
18 Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
19 Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

Epistle: Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



Sequence Hymn 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight St. Botolph

The Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sermon The Rev. Perry Scruggs
(Children will now be dismissed for Children’s Church)

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People Form IV BCP p. 388

The Confession BCP p. 360

The Peace

Parish Notices

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation Hymn 380 (v.3) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Lobe den Herren

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord Richard Proulx

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Take, O take me as I am John L. Bell
(sing three times)
Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord. If you would like to participate in the traditional Common Cup, or through intinction, please join the line at the communion rail. To receive a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest. If you desire communion brought to you in the pew, please let an usher know.

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 620 Jerusalem, my happy home Land of Rest

The Dismissal

Postlude All glory be to God on high Andreas Nikolaus Vetter

The flowers are donated by Robb & Ellen Andersen in celebration of their Anniversary.

INTERCESSIONS

*Parishioners

- *Tommy Brooks

*Arden Brown

*Jon Burchfield

*Ken Culverson

*Evie Fincher

* Rob Gouffon

*Donna Huoppi

*John Hutcheson

*Sarah Jenkins

*John Kenemer

*Cindy Latour

*Bo Thompson

*Judy Schwenn
- Ellie Bramlett

Ty Coppinger

Rita Hammontree

Clyde Johnson

Mari Jones

Nancy Junnila

Tommy Laster

Monique Lenoir

Francisa Loredo

James Martin

Matt Miner

Lance Miner
- Jordan Muschamp

Hunter Parker

Ronnie Stanley

Jim Unger

Tomas Vaquera

John Wall

Alan Weeks

