

Birthdays: Bill Hawkins, Dylan Waldrop, Stacy Embury, Julia Lansing, Steve Cantrell, Phil Reisz

Anniversaries: Barry & Beth Pulliam, Alan & Beth Nichols
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 26, 2026
8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Early Adult Sunday School
9:45am Adult Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Noon Strength in Stillness

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 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 Grief share 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
Aug 19 9am Preschool Retreat
Aug 23 12 Noon Welcome Lunch

Rector	The Rev. Rick Tiff
Music Director & Organist	Beth Nichols
Guest Organist	Adam Burnette
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00AM Marilyn Lance 10:30AM David Chapman Nancy Chapman
Lector OT	Wes Phinney
Lector NT	Beth Pulliam
Prayer Leader	Martha Wassum
Verger	Marilyn Lance
Acolytes	Mary Kizer, Elise Donlon Jack Donlon
Flower Guild	Jennifer Phinney Caroline Hall
Altar Guild	Brooke Halverson, Martha Minor
Linen Guild	Julia Lansing
Ushers	8:00 AM Don Hayes, Jr. 10:30 AM Tom Minor Paul Alderman
Oblation Bearers	Minor Family
Vestry of the Day	Caroline Schusterick
Greeters	Koger/St Stanley Family
Video	Caroline Schusterick

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM	
We begin the service in silence.	
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	
O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.	
The First Reading Genesis 29:15-28	
The Psalm: Psalm 128:1-6	
(Please stand and read responsively, by half verse)	
The Second Reading Romans 8:26-39	
The Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	
Sermon	The Rev. Rick Tiff
The Nicene Creed	BCP p. 327
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
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP p. 337
The Communion	BCP p. 338
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP p. 339
The Blessing	BCP p. 339
The Dismissal	BCP p. 340



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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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM

Prelude	Variations on St Columba	arr. Burnette
Processional Hymn 379	God is love, let heaven adore him	Abbot’s Leigh
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		
O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.		
The First Reading Genesis 29:15-28		

Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Psalm: Psalm 128:1-6
(Please stand and read responsively by half verse)

- ¹ Happy are they all who fear the Lord, *
and who follow in his ways!
- ² You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- ³ Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- ⁴ The man who fears the Lord *
shall thus indeed be blessed.
- ⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your
life.
- ⁶ May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.



Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sequence Hymn 711 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God *Seek Ye First*

The Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



Sermon **The Rev. Rick Tiff**
(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 Goldberg Variations, BWV 988: Aria *J.S. Bach*

Presentation Hymn 390 (v.1) 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 601 O day of God, draw nigh *St. Michael*

The Dismissal

Postlude Improvisation on Hyfrydol

*The flowers are donated by Kathryn West in memory of
Susie Waters West*

INTERCESSIONS

***Parishioners**

*Tommy Brooks	Ellie Bramlett	Jordan Muschamp
*Arden Brown	Ty Coppinger	Hunter Parker
*Jon Burchfield	Rita Hammontree	Ronnie Stanley
*Ken Culverson	Robert Icke	Jim Unger
*Evie Fincher	Clyde Johnson	Tomas Vaquera
* Rob Gouffon	Mari Jones	John Wall
*Donna Huoppi	Nancy Junnila	Alan Weeks
*John Hutcheson	Tommy Laster	
*Sarah Jenkins	Monique Lenoir	
*John Kenemer	Francisa Loreda	
*Cindy Latour	James Martin	
*Jim Sneary	Matt Miner	
*Bo Thompson	Lance Miner	
*Judy Schwenn		



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