

Birthdays: Emma Phinney, Jamie Calhoun, Juli Hayes, Matt Allred, Catherine Thompson, Griffin Hunt, Sharon Ellis, Patsy Gordon, Rick Little, Rick Powell, Terry Menard, Jennifer Phinney
Anniversaries: Kim & Jan Littell
Serving in the Armed Forces: Will, Blane, Jordan, Matthew, James, Emerson, Owen, Chrissy 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
September 13, 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 - Stewardship Slider Sunday
6pm Royal Oaks

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

A Look Ahead *Subject to Change*

Sept 14 10am Quilting for Others
Sept 14 1pm Circle of Care
Sept 14-16 Clergy Conference
Sept 19 9-5pm Safeguarding Training
Sept 20 Stewardship Sweet Sunday Brunch
Sept 20 Noon Strength in Stillness
Sept 21 6pm Outreach meeting
Sept 22 6pm Vestry
Sept 27 - Mediterranean Pilgrimage begins
Oct 4 4pm-7pm Octoberfest
October 12 Columbus Day

Every Monday
6-8pm Grief Share
Every Tuesday
6:15pm Evening Prayer
Every Wednesday
Handbells - 5:15pm
Chancel Choir - 7:30pm

Rector	The Rev. Rick Tiff
Music Director & Organist	Beth Nichols
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00AM David & Nancy Chapman 10:30AM Ed Anthony John Schwenn
Lector OT Lector NT	Tim Hawkins Sally Little
Prayer Leader	Tim Hawkins
Verger	Marilyn Lance
Acolytes	Andrea Hamlin Gregory Washington, Patton Hunt
Flower Guild	Jan Littell Scott Hamlin
Altar Guild	Martha Minor, Marilyn Lance
Linen Guild	Cathy Houser
Ushers	8:00 AM Kelly Harrell 10:30 AM Cookie Cook Bob Haverland
Oblation Bearers	Cook Family
Vestry of the Day	Carter Thomas
Welcome Cart Video	Stanley/Koger Family Jerrid Thompson

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, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading Exodus 14:19-31	
The Psalm: Psalm 114	BCP p. 756
(Please stand and read responsively, by half verse)	

The Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon	The Rev. Rick Tiff
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
The Prayer of Humble Access	BCP p. 337
The Communion	BCP p. 338
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP p. 339
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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.*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026
Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM

Prelude Prelude on “Lobe den Herren”	setting by John A. Behnke
Processional Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Lobe den Herren
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
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The Gloria S278	William Mathias
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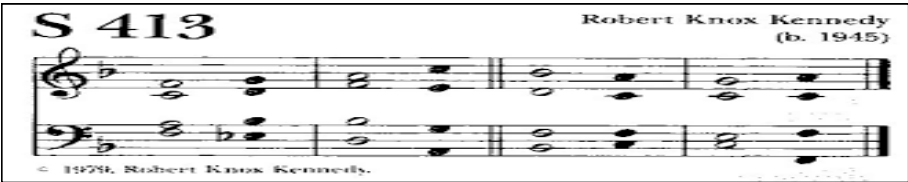
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The First Reading Exodus 12:1-14

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus

the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.



The Psalm: Psalm 114
(All Stand and Sing)

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand

before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Sequence Hymn 1 Father, we praise thee Christe sanctorum

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 Morning has broken arr. Arlen Clarke

Presentation Hymn Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below.
Oh, praise him, alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Oh, praise him, Oh, praise him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S128 Holy, holy, holy Lord William Mathias

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.

Communion Hymn WLP 825 Bless the Lord, my soul
Taizé/Jacques Berthier
BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 411 O bless the Lord, my soul!
St. Thomas (Williams)

The Dismissal

Postlude Fugue in G Major (“Little”) J.S. Bach

The flowers are donated by the Hoffmeyer family in memory of
Brenda Hoffmeyer

Intercessions Prayer List

*Parishioners

- *Tommy Brooks
- *Arden Brown
- *Jon Burchfield
- *Ken Culverson
- * Rob Gouffon
- *Judy Hall
- *Donna Huoppi
- *John Hutcheson
- *Sarah Jenkins
- *John Kenemer
- *Cindy Latour
- *Jim Sneary
- *Bo Thompson
- *Judy Schwenn

Extended Community

David Blackburn family
Ellie Bramlett
Ty Coppinger
Rita Hammontree
Clyde Johnson
Mari Jones
Monique Lenoir
Francisa Loreda
Muschamp family
Ronnie Stanley
Jim Unger
John Wall
Alan Weeks
Arthur
Gordan

We are called as a community to pray with and for one another, and we invite you to submit requests for our parish prayer list. In order to keep the list up-to-date and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, we will print names for one month, unless otherwise requested. If you would like for someone to remain on the prayer list for more (or less) than one month, please call the Church Office or email admin@stmarksdalton.org

