

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

21 September 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn # 368

Holy Father, great Creator

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria S280

The Collect of the Day:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 79:1-9

1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the
birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the
field.

3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of
Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

5 How long will you be angry, O GOD; *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known
you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your
Name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.

9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn # 475

God himself is with us

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said

to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Th Prayers of the People Form III

BCP 387

Discernment Prayer (NEW):

Gracious and loving God, you teach us that things happen in your time. As we continue to wait for clergy candidates, encourage us, the people of St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's Episcopal Churches, to grow steadfastly in our ministries to love and serve our neighbors by sharing the Good News in Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas, following where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. As this discernment period evolves, empower the members of our Vestries and Discernment Committees to share their thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Finally, instill

in us a glorious vision of the future: one where we are united in love and ministry in fulfilling the mission of our baptismal vows; through our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession BCP 360

Exchange of the Peace BCP 360

Anthem *Organist and Choir*

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving EP A BCP 361
Sanctus S 128

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem S154

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn # 538 *God of mercy, God of grace*

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn # 556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart! (v 1-5)*

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer 1979*

Hymns from *The Hymnal 1982*

Psalm for *The Saint Helena Psalter 2004*

For those unable to receive the physical Communion at this time
please pray the following:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present I the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleans and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus. And let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Prayers for a New Priest

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, we humbly ask you to supply your grace to all priests who are called to the ministry of your peoples. Fill them with the Holy Spirit, the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with piety so that they may faithfully serve where they are called. Open their hearts to the possibility and consideration of a new path whereby they may serve you. We beseech you to guide to us, the pastor you would have shepherd your people at St. Francis in the Fields and St. Mark's. Open the hearts of these parish families to acceptance of your choice for us, so that together, we may increase our faith, devotion , and obedience, and be prepared to readily do the good works you have planned for us to do. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Donald Batrus, Cynthia Frank, Carol Adams, Louise Mead, Susan Kelly & Mike Teore, Catherine McCloskey, Maryann Marchl, Rick McKinley, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Stacy Moskal, Betty Burdge, Jennifer, Keith Hipp.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bill & Doris Horner, Dottie Venet, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, Regina Hoover, Shawn & Tyler McKinley. Marlene Rhin, Lou Hoffer.

Major Renovation in the Church

Special thanks to Jerry & Jane Strittmatter and Mike Teore for their work in the Church. They have finished scraping and plastering the walls in the Church and “what a difference”.

Building Fund

A Special “Thank You” to Maryann Marchl for her donation of \$2500.00 in the last two weeks to replace the front wall. Although Maryann lives in Pittsburgh, she never forgets her family at St. Mark’s.

Courtyard Clean Up

We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to: Kitty Batrus, JoAnn Lacko, Mother Nancy, Joanne McKinley, Mike Teore, and Val Schultz for their hard work in cleaning up the Courtyard in time for the Bishop’s visit.

Annual Parish Meeting

Please join us next Sunday for our “Annual Parish Meeting” and Potluck Luncheon. We will have Nomination of new Vestry Members. This is an important meeting and your input is needed.

Church Envelopes for 2026

Even though it is the middle of September, the office would like to have some idea on how many Church Envelopes to order for 2026. You can call the office or send an e mail by the 15th of October.

Bishop Ketlen’s Visit

Bishop Ketlen will be visiting St. Mark’s on October 5th. Please join us for this “special Occasion” with a Potluck Lunch to follow.

Service Time Change

Starting October 5th, our Sunday service will begin at 10:00 am.

Readers and Greeters September- October 2025

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Mother Nancy know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

Sept. 21 st	Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell Loncella
Sept. 28 th	Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry
Oct. 5 th	Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie
Oct. 12 th	Donovan Pendell & Doug Zawiskie
Oct. 19 th	Richard Burkert & Tina Grata
Oct. 26 th	Lisa Bell Loncella & Pam Hysong

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

Sept. 21 st	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Sept. 28 th	Richard Burkert & Joann Lacko
Oct. 5 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden
Oct. 12 th	Jane & Gerry Strittmatter
Oct. 19 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
Oct. 26 th	Melisa Babalonis & Aiden

Sunday: The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 21st 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Next Sunday: The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 28th 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

THE SIXTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

21 September 2025

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Homestead
and the Rev. Raymond Ursin

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

In Celebration of the
Wedding Anniversary of
Our Son & Daughter-in-Law
Robert & Alli Kintner
From Lisa Bell-Loncella & Jim Loncella

A Loving Birthday Remembrance
For My Brother
William Marchl
September 25th
From Maryann Marchl

Next Week's Readings

Amos 6:1a,4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

*Sharing Christ's love unconditionally through
transformational worship and service*