

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

07 September 2025 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Hymn # 484

Praise the Lord through every nation

The Opening Acclamation
Gloria in excelsis

BCP 355
BCP 356

The Collect of 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.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants

of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 O God, 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 GOD, 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.

The Epistle: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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.

Hymn #675

Take up your cross, the Savior said

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who

see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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 1

BCP 383

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

Offertory Hymn # 577

God is love, and where true love is

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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| The Great Thanksgiving | EP A | BCP 361 |
| Sanctus | | BCP 362 |

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| The Lord's Prayer | | BCP 364 |
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| The Fraction | | BCP 364 |
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Communion of the People

Communion Hymn #606 ***Where true charity and love dwell***

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| Post Communion Prayer | | BCP 365 |
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The Blessing

Hymn #534 ***God is working his purpose out***

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 in 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. Cleanse 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.

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers, Casey Dagenhardt, who passed away recently. Casey was the brother of Amy Whitlow. *Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him.*

Fall Clean-up – 9:00 am

Please come and join us as we work in the Courtyard and surrounding Church Premises. Bring your Garden Tools along.

We will be having a “Cook Out” that day with Hot Dogs, etc.



Readers and Greeters September 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

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| Sept. 7 th | Joann Lacko & Donovan Pendell |
| Sept. 14 th | Richard Burkert & Tina Grata |
| Sept. 21 st | Pam Hysong & Lisa Bell Loncella |
| Sept. 28 th | Donna Carosi & Colleen Curry |
| Oct. 5 th | Joann Lacko & Doug Zawiskie |

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

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| Sept. 7 th | Melisa Babalonis & Aiden |
| Sept. 14 th | Jane & Gerry Strittmatter |
| Sept. 21 st | Sam & Heidi Buchan |
| Sept. 28 th | Richard Burkert & Joann Lacko |
| Oct. 5 th | Melissa Babalonis & Aiden |

Sunday: The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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| Sept. 7 th | 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II |
| Sept. 11 th | 10:00 am Pet Food Pantry |
| Sept. 13 th | 9:00 am Fall Cleanup in the Courtyard |

Next Sunday: Holy Cross Day

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| Sept. 14 th | 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II |
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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Episcopal Church Women; and Education for Ministry

Altar Flowers Given to The Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Laura Sweeney
&
The Smith & Sweeney Families
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 45:21-25
Psalm 98
Philippians 2:5-11
John 12:31-36a

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