

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026 10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I

Hymn 573

Father Eternal

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

The Summary of the Law

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Gloria S 204

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 WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Genesis 29:15-28

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 Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm: 105:1-11, 45b

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
 - 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
 - 7 He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
 - 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
 - 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
 - 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
 - 11 Saying, “To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance.”
- 45b Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Hymn 388

O worship the King

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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

Jesus put before the crowds 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Norman Erb-White

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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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 331

Exchange of the Peace

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 635

If thou but trust in God

Doxology

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (EP I)

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Sanctus S 113

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

The Fraction

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Agnus Dei S 157

Prayer of Humble Access

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Communion of the People

Communion Hymn 462 The Lord will come and not be slow

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

The Blessing

Hymn 615

Thy kingdom come!

The Dismissal

From *The Book Of Common Prayer* 1979

Hymns from *The Hymnal* 1982

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. 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:

Jerry & Jane Strittmatter, Catherine McCloskey, Joanne McKinley, William Horner and Family, Susan Kelly & Michael Teore, Carol Adams, Bethany McKinley, Maryann Marchl, David Wertz & Rebecca Church, Joann Cieslo and Flo Warfel.

Continue to Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Donovan Pendell, Cynthia Greig, Bonnie Murray, Vince & Irene Joyce, Richard Burkert, John Rogers, Regina Hoover, Lou Hoffer, Shawn & Tyler McKinley and Marlene Rhin.

Caregiver Needed

Lucie Whittle, a longtime member of St. Mark's has been homebound for the past several years. She is looking for a part time caregiver. If interested you may call her at 814-535-6601 for more information.

Our Annual Picnic Lunch

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 15th when we have our annual Picnic Lunch Take Out.

We are in need of Monetary Donations to purchase the Pork. If you have time, please bake cookies, package them 2 to a bag and drop them off on Friday, August 14th between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.

We are also in need of volunteers to prepare the food and to help package the take outs.

Readers and Greeters July & August 2026

If you are unable to read on the day you are scheduled, please find a substitute or let Lisa Bell-Loncella or Colleen Curry know so a sub can be found in a timely manner. Thank you.

Sunday Readers

July 26 th	Pam Hysong & Joann Lacko
August 2 nd	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie
August 9 th	Donna Carosi & Donovan Pendell
August 16 th	Lisa Bell-Loncella & Richard Burkert
August 23 rd	Colleen Curry & Joann Lacko
August 30 th	Tina Grata & Doug Zawiskie

Sunday Greeters & Ushers

July 26 th	Sam & Heidi Buchan
August 2 nd	Tina Grata & Joann Lacko
August 9 th	Melissa Babalonis & Aiden Barlow
August 16 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow
August 23 rd	Sam & Heidi Buchan
August 30 th	Amy & Penn Whitlow

July & August Worship Schedule

July 26th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Norman Erb-White Presiding

August 2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer, Lisa Bell-Loncella

August 9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Kim Karashin, Presiding

August 16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer, Colleen Curry

August 23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Regis Smolko, Presiding

August 30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Kim Karashin, Presiding

Sunday: The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday July 26th 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt I

Next Sunday: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 2nd 10:00 am Morning Prayer Rt II

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Non-parochial clergy, including the Rev. Daniel Hall
and the Rev. Kathryn LaLonde

Altar Flowers Given to the Greater Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Dr. William Marchl
August 26th
From Maryann Marchl

In Moving Memory of
The Harrison Family
Perpetual Flowers

Next Week's Readings

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 16
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

*Sharing Christ's Love Unconditionally through
Transformational worship and service*