

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coldwater, MI

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 2017

Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

(Bold hymn numbers indicate music in large-print hymnal)

400 **Processional:** vs. 1-3 & 7 *All creatures of our God & King*

Anthem: *In the Garden* Charles Austin Miles

Julie and Nelson Golden

453 **Offertory:** *As Jacob with travel*

336 **Communion:** *Come with us, O blessed Jesus*

408 **Recessional:** *Sing praise to God*

Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place-- and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Psalms 139: 1-11, 22-23

- 1 LORD, 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 LORD, 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.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *

where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning *

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me *

and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *

and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *

darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *

try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *

and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the

parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

~Schedule for Today~

Lectors: Kellie Stroud & Dave Croal **Intercessor:** Mike Pridgeon

Worship Leader/Crucifer: Don Hetrick **Gospel Bk/EM:** Kerry Long **EM:** Barak Burr

Lay Visits: Diane Pridgeon **Ushers:** Acie Stanfill & Mary Ann Catron

Altar Guild: Helen Guisinger **Altar Linens:** Don Hetrick

Lion's Roar: Jay Henry & Kristi Schark **Coffee Hours Hosts:** Team #5

Announcements & Lockup: Anne Davidson

~Calendar~

Today, July 23rd: The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist w/blessing of prayer shawls/ optional healing service

11:15 am: Coffee hour

12:30 pm: Masonville service w/ Fr. Rick

This week:

Mon., July 24th

Rector's Day Off

Tues., July 25th

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11 - noon Stretching Class - (L)

6 pm Last Drumming in Memorial Garden (weather permitting)

Wed., July 26th

10:30 - noon Round Table Discussion Group (L)

Sat., July 29nd

9:00 am St. Mark's work morning. We welcome all to come help!

Next Sunday, July 30th: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am: Celtic Eucharist

11:15 am: Coffee hour

~Announcements~

We thank Julie and Nelson Golden for "Softly and Tenderly", composed by Will L. Thompson, at communion and another well loved song of faith, "In the Garden". The Golden's make us glad to hear God praised in song.

Our Children's Church, 'Lion's Roar' is in need of volunteers. If you are available to help, please contact Kristin or Kerry. We welcome all kids to join 'Lion's Roar', following the Collect of the Day, going to their classroom with teachers, returning to join the congregation at communion. For all children and teachers going to 'Lion's Roar', we encourage you to bring a water bottle (water only please) with you upstairs each Sunday.

Happy Birthday wishes this week go to Abigail Hicks, July 26th; Diane Pridgeon, July 27th; Rhonda Scheidler, July 28th; and Jacob Osborne, July 29th.

Happy Anniversary wishes this week go to Richard & Linda Smolinski, July 25th, and Jay & Jennifer Henry, July 29th.

St. Mark's work morning is this Saturday, July 29th. We welcome all to come help!

The 'Stretching Group' will be taking a break during the month of August. In the next few weeks we'd like to hear from anyone interested in joining our group for Tai Chi instruction from Linda Ives here at the church starting on Sept. 5th. The class is tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays at 5:30 pm and will run for 10 weeks with the instructor. Please talk to Pat Hetrick or Liz Mowan if you're interested. Tai Chi is very easy to learn, relaxing, and good for your body and soul!

This is the last Tuesday for the drumming group in our Memorial Garden. Come join the fun at 6 pm on in our Memorial Garden, and then at 7 enjoy the last "Entertainment in the Park" music concert in the park! In case of rain, the drumming group will not meet.

Annual Root Beer Float Sunday - On August 6th the Henry family will serve Root Beer Floats at coffee hour. Please consider making a donation for your float. Donations will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development for clean water for families in need. Any donation, no matter how small can make a difference! Our goal is to raise \$215 to provide clean water for one family, (\$750 can purchase a share in a clean water well.) Go to <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/gifts-for-life/basics-for-life/clean-water> for more information.

Have you registered your child for EYC yet? Registration deadline for Episcopal Youth Camp is tomorrow, **July 24th** for registering for middle and junior camp. EYC is available to all children entering grade 3 - 12 in the fall. You can register online at www.edwm.org. Scholarships are available. Please contact Kristin Marteen if you have questions about EYC.

There will be a 'Love & Logic' series beginning in August. This 6-week series will begin on Monday, August 7th, 6 pm, here at St. Mark's. Please contact Dixie Koenemann at 517-795-6079 for more information or to sign up.

Looking for Volunteers to hoe and weed our garden! If you have any spare time just drive by and lend a hand. There are no specific times for working. You can choose your best times. Call Barak or Jan Burr with any questions. Thank you for your service to the community.

Scrip: Kathy will be out of town July 23rd & 30th. If you would like scrip during this time, please see Paul. Thank you.

Please Note: If you would like to reserve a meeting room, the kitchen, or parish hall for your event, please call Mary Jane in the church office, 517-278-5752.

Thanks for leaving your Service Booklet at the church to be reused every week during Pentecost!