

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coldwater, MI

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 10, 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)

527 **Processional:** *Singing songs of expectation*

Anthem: *Special music*

Guitarist: Connor Wolverton

51 **Offertory:** *We the Lord's people*

Communion: Choir: *Amazing Grace* Althouse

424 **Communion:** *For the fruit of all creation*

Recessional: *Loving God sung to the tune "Ode to Joy" *(see back of this bulletin)*

Lions Roar children singing: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.*

Collect

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.

Exodus 12:1-3,7-8,11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalms 149

- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 **Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; ***
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people ***
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

**6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

**8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;**

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

**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 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

~Schedule for Today~

Lectors: Jay Henry & Kerry Long

Worship Leader: Nancy Smallwood

Crucifer: Luke Hetrick

Gospel Bk/EM: Dave Croal

EM: Mary Dally

Lay Visits: Georgia McCurley

Ushers: Mary Ann Catron & Acie Stanfill

Altar Guild: Barb Hantz

Altar Linens: Don Hetrick

Lion's Roar: Paul Bair/Sheila Ice/Debi Wright

Flowers: Lee & Molly VanStone

Coffee Hour Hosts: Team #4

Announcements & Lockup: Glenn Wright

~Calendar~

Today, Sunday, September 10th: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am: Choir rehearsal

9:30 am: Second Sunday Sing with the Choir (ph)

10:00 am: Celtic Eucharist

11:15 am: Coffee hour - Team #4

This week:

Mon., Sept. 11th

Rector's day off

6 pm Love & Logic series #5

Tues., Sept. 12th

Rector unavailable in a.m. Deanery meeting in p.m; G.R. in evening

5:30 pm Stretching group meets learning Tai Chi w/ Linda Ives

Wed., Sept. 13th

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

Sat., Sept. 16th

9 am Work morning at St. Mark's - all are welcome to come help.

10 am Library unavailable

Next Sunday, September 17th: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am: Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist

11:15 am: Coffee hour - Team #5

~Announcements~

Today we welcome the return of our choir, crucifer, and vergier.

We thank Connor Wolverton for the special music today!

Our Children's Church, 'Lion's Roar' welcomes 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.

Altar flowers are given today by Lee & Molly VanStone in memory of Marguerite Milnes.

Happy Birthday wishes this week go to John English and Fr. Rick Scharf, Sept. 13th; Lee VanStone, Sept. 14th; and Marilyn Byrnes, Sept. 15th.

Happy Anniversary wishes this week go to George & Beth Drew, Sept. 12th.

The Burial Office with Eucharist for Marcelle Foley is at 2 pm today. It will be followed by interment of her remains in the Memorial Garden, and then dessert in the parish hall.

Asdiqa/Branch County Friends from Around the World invites you, your friends and neighbors to join us for a family potluck/picnic at Waterworks Park at 6:00 pm today. Please bring a vegetarian/meatless dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. The purpose is to make new friends and discuss joint service projects to benefit our community. Asidiqa/Branch County Friends from Around the World is an association of women who, through monthly gatherings of coffee and conversation, and periodic social and educational events, seek to promote mutual understanding among people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, races and faiths. For more information, contact Kathie Bappert at kbappert@gmail.com.

The 'Stretching Group' meets this Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Come join our group for Tai Chi instruction with Linda Ives. The instruction will last for 10 weeks, then we'll continue practicing each week after that. 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!

An Inquirer's Class will be held on Saturday, September 23rd here at the church from **10-noon**. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's, or if you would just like a refresher on what we are all about as Episcopalians, please join us.

We have donated over 500 pounds of produce from our garden to the Food Bank so far this year! Isn't it great that we are able to help so many residents of Branch County with your help in our garden. If you can pick and transport food from the garden to the food pantry, please call Burrs. All help is appreciated. Our thanks to you!!!

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

There are still weeks available on the flower sign-up sheet that is on the east wall in the Parish Hall by the kitchen. Cost is \$15.00, payable in advance. Please be sure to specify "flowers" on your check or envelope when paying for them.

Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments and fellowship following the service.

***Recessional Hymn: (sung to 'Ode to Joy') Loving God of All Creation**

Loving God of all creation, hear our hymns of grateful praise:
We give thanks for calls to witness, and to serve in varied ways.
Show us how to be connected to your church in every place.
Praising Christ in lives of service, make us instruments of grace.

Grant us courage for the present, matching that of yesterday,
When your faithful servants ventured on a distant unknown way.
We, today have unknown pathways, far away and near at hand.
Grant us ears and hearts to listen for Your loving, clear command.

Still today You call for workers true to Christ, the servant Lord,
Sharing values, blending cultures: thus new mission is explored.
Through the Gospel's urgent message You connect us, land to land,
Building bridges, spanning chasms, joining people hand in hand.