

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coldwater, MI

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 19, 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)

433 **Processional:** *We gather together*

Anthem: *Beautiful Savior* Crusader Hymn

655 **Offertory:** *O Jesus, I have promised*

Communion: *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

290 **Recessional:** *Come ye thankful people come*

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. The Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Psalms 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, ***

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

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.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

~Schedule for Today~

Lectors: Jay Henry & Kelly Stroud **Intercessor:** Les VanStone **Worship Leader:** Barak Burr
Crucifer: Don Hetrick **Gospel Bk/EM:** Mary Dally **EM:** Dave Croal
Ushers: Paul Bair & Nancy Smallwood
Altar Guild: Louise Fry **Altar Linens:** Elizabeth Marshall
Lion's Roar: Kerry Long/Patti Fosdick/Molly VanStone **Coffee Hour Hosts:** Team #6
Announcements & Lockup: Barb Hantz

~Calendar~

Today, November 19th: The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am: Choir Rehearsal **10:00 am:** Holy Eucharist **11:15 am:** Coffee hour
1 pm: Interment of ashes in Memorial Garden for Jo Ann Zabonick
w/ a potluck luncheon and conversation in the Parish Hall following the Interment

This week:

Mon., Nov. 20 th		Rector's day off
	7 pm	Knit/Craft/Crochet group in library
Tues., Nov. 21 st		Rector's day off
Thurs., Nov. 23 rd		Thanksgiving Day - Parish Office Closed <i>The staff & vestry wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.</i>
Fri., Nov. 24 th		Parish Office Closed
Sat., Nov. 25 th	9 am	Men's Group meets at North Woods

Next Sunday, November 26th: The Last Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am: Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am: New Zealand Eucharist w/ blessing of prayer shawls/ optional healing service
11:15 am: Coffee hour - Team #6
12:30 pm: Masonville Service with Fr. Rick

~Announcements~

Many thanks today for Liz Mowan and for the music offered to God.

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.

Happy Birthday wishes this week go to Sophie Barber, Nov. 20th; Carolyn Dantes, Nov. 23rd; and Craig Dally, Nov. 27th.

Wednesday morning Round Table will not be meeting this Wednesday, but will resume Nov. 29th.

'Young at Heart' is taking the drums to Masonville Friday afternoon, Nov. 24th for the residents to enjoy. Come join us at 2:30 p.m. and enjoy drumming with them.

All are encouraged to join in the ministry to residents of Masonville next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. Residents welcome undivided attention. Communion is taken on the fourth Sunday of each month. This opportunity is a gift for all.

The Presbyterian Women invite the women of St. Mark's to their Annual Christmas Tea being held Wed., Dec. 6th from 2 - 4 p.m. The theme this year is An Old Fashioned Christmas. The program, held in the Sanctuary, beginning at 2 p.m., will be presented by Bell Canto Singers. Tea will follow in the Fellowship Hall, with a raffle and a Christmas Boutique during tea time. There is limited seating, so please call their church office, 517-278-6068 by Monday, Nov. 27th.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 2nd so you don't miss St. Mark's Family Christmas Party at the Mitchell's. They invite you to join them, 565 N. Fiske Rd., between 4-7 pm for fellowship and food. Please RSVP at 517-279-9248.

You are invited to "Songs of the Season" by the Branch County Community Chorus at St. Mark's on Saturday, December 2nd at 7 pm. Come and enjoy familiar Christmas tunes.

THE WARMING FENCE - We will begin the 2017 warming fence project, depending on weather, on Sunday December 3rd after the Greening of the Church. Please begin to bring your gifts of scarves, mittens, gloves and hats to the church. As you know over 1000 were provided to the community last year. Significantly, as the season went on we received large and small donations from people and organizations outside of St. Mark's. That's an affirmation of the mission we have begun so keep up the good work - **Important** - We need volunteers to help keep things on the fence throughout the week so if you can make time, an hour or less will be great, during the morning please call or email the office. We will coordinate your times. Thanks.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING, THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

Do you have a person on your Christmas gift list for whom it is hard to know what to get them? Consider giving them a gift card through our St. Mark's scrip program. I have a list of all the retailers that participate in the program and I can show them to you at coffee hour. Christmas time is a busy time for the scrip program and it might take a little longer to get the order in, so please let me know early what you would like to order. I will need a check in advance to pay for the order. Come and see me, it's a great way to complete your Christmas gift list and also raise money for the church. Thank you. Kathy Bair

Fund raiser for Father Rick's discretionary fund:

Orders are being taken for short and long sleeved collared shirts. These will have a new logo designed by Anne Davidson. See Paul or Kathy to order shirts. Prices are \$15.00 for long sleeve, \$10.00 for short sleeve an additional \$2.00 for 2X-3X. Orders will be taken until December 10th with delivery after the 1st of the year.

St. Mark's is participating in Toys for Tots this Advent Season. When out shopping perhaps you could purchase a toy for a child, bring it to church unwrapped, and place it in the TOYS FOR TOTS box in the parish hall. Let's fill the box and help bring joy to children this Christmas.

Please stop in and say "hi" to Mary Jane in the office whenever you come into the church. It really helps her to know who is in the building.

If you are the last person leaving the church, please make sure all lights are turned off. Thanks.

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.