

Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost
Morning Prayer



August 9, 2026
9:30 a.m.

St. Mark's and St. John's Episcopal Church

Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's!

FIRST TIME HERE?

- **Coffee & Drinks:** Help yourself to a cup in the Café—yes, you can bring it to your pew!
- **Name Tags:** Fill out a temporary tag today, or leave your name with our greeter so we can make you a permanent one.

DURING WORSHIP

- **For Families:** Children are always invited to create in our kids' areas equipped with weekly activity sheets and crayons.
- **Accessibility:** Hearing assistance units are available on the table at the entrance. We are happy to assist you.
- **Giving:** We no longer pass an offering plate. If we invite you to place gifts in the plate by the sign-in binder or contribute online.

STAY CONNECTED

- **Livestream:** Catch our live service every Sunday at **9:30 AM** at stmarksandstjohns.org
- **Social Media:** Find us on Facebook and Instagram - @stmarksandstjohns

OPENING SENTENCE

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

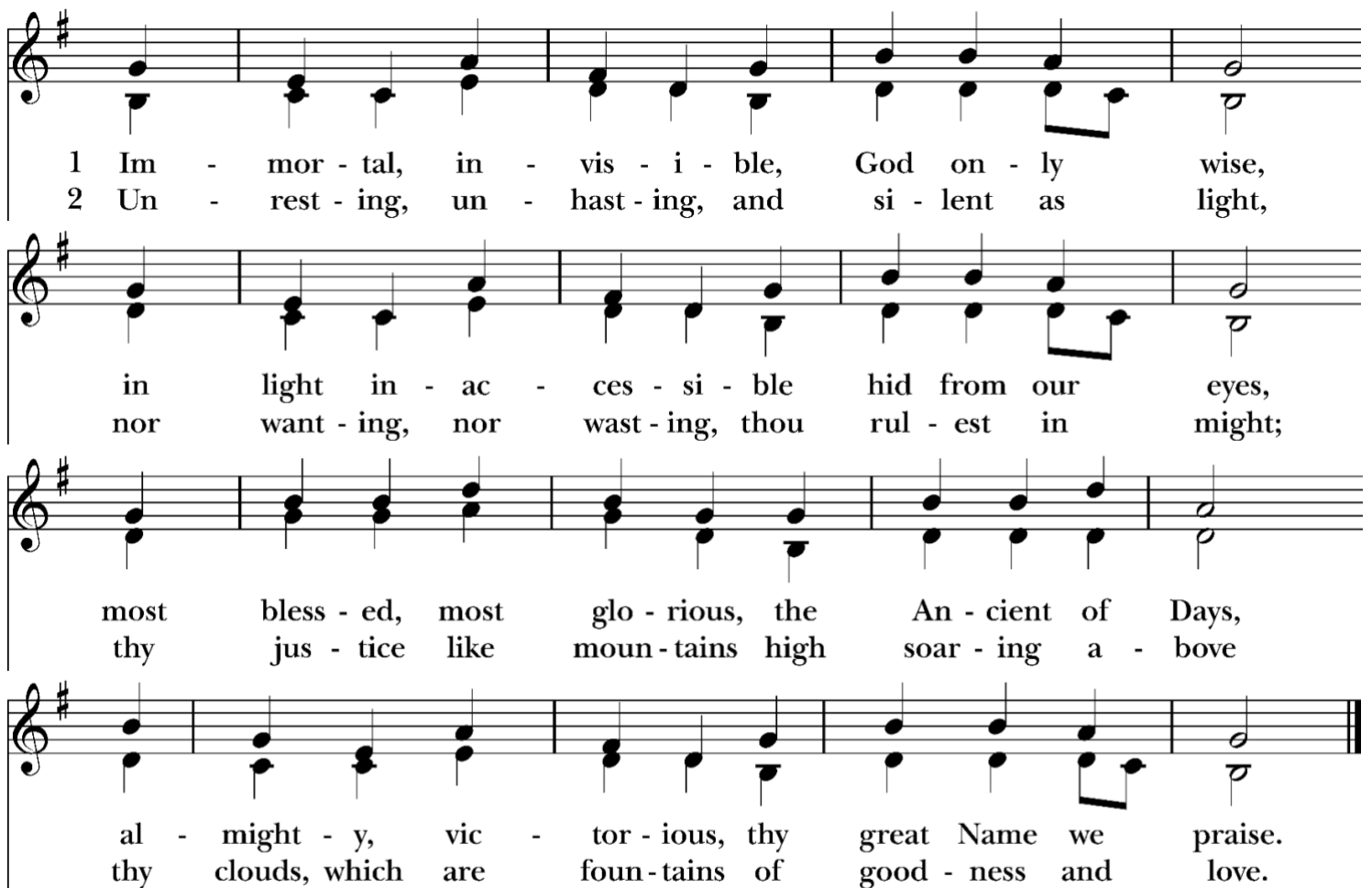
**Glory the Triune God: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Alleluia.**

The mercy of God is everlasting: Come, let us offer our praise.

OPENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise"

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The musical score is written for two voices, labeled 1 and 2. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words split across lines.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For you, O Lord, are a great God,

and a great sovereign above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it,

and your hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For you are our God,

and we are the people of your pasture and the
sheep of your hand.

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, O God, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and abides with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALM 85:8-13

Psalm appointed for today

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before you,
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

Glory the Triune God: as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be forever. Alleluia.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from First Kings, the nineteenth chapter

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and

you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Period of Silence

FIRST CANTICLE

"A Song for Judith" - Judith 16:13-16

**I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great
and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.**

**Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke
and all things came into being.**

**You sent your breath and it formed them,
no one is able to resist your voice.**

**Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths,
rocks melt like wax at your presence.**

**But to those who fear you,
you continue to show mercy.**

**No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you,
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight forever.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from Matthew, the fourteenth chapter

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 near, when my life is al - most gone; _____



— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I



light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,**

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

Help us, O God our Savior;
Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Look upon your congregation;

Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Declare your glory among the nations;

And your wonders among all peoples.

Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

Never forget the lives of your poor.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

The offering plate is brought to the altar as the congregation receives these gifts.

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The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The first two lines of lyrics are numbered 1 and 2, indicating different parts of the hymn. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Source of all mercies, we your humble servants give you heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Savior Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**

A special thank you to our Wardens, Sharon Kowalski and Nancy Ramsay for leading Morning Prayer this morning.

Worship Leader Schedule - Lectors

Date	Crucifer	First Lesson & Psalm	Greeter & Prayers of the People
8/9	Dave	Paul	Mary
8/16	Joe	Sharon	Mary Ellen
8/23	Sharon	Steve	Michele
8/30	Scott	Terri	Mike

Eucharistic Ministers

Date	Common Cup	Single Cup Tray	Collect Cups
8/9	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
8/16	Steve	Michele	Ella
8/23	Terri	Mike	Heather
8/30	Theresa	Nancy R.	Helena

July/ August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anniversaries - going forward on the first Sunday of each month we have a special blessing for those who are marking an anniversary that month.

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Jesse P. - Aug. 1 Lisa N. - Aug. 15 Scott P. - Aug. 23	Char & Mike K. - Aug. 9 Ella & Helena W. - Aug. 12 Ginnie & Gary S. - Aug. 19

*Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up in August?
Please let us know admin@stmarksandstjohns.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, August 16 | Final Episcopal 101 Session

The final Episcopal 101 class before the Bishop's visit will take place immediately after worship. *Note for choir members:* We will coordinate the class time around our National Anthem rehearsal. As of now, we have one candidate scheduled for Confirmation during the Bishop's visit!

Sunday, August 16 | Red Wings Game & National Anthem

The EDEN Garden Choir is singing the National Anthem at the Rochester Red Wings game! We need your voices—family and friends are welcome to sing and stay for the game. Please sign up near the entrance.

Sunday, August 23 | Bishop's Visit & Special Coffee Hour

Join us for a special Coffee Hour as we welcome our Bishop! A food/volunteering sign-up sheet is available in the back.

Now thru Sunday, August 31 | School #33 Supply Drive

We are collecting school supplies for School #33 to help students

prepare for the new school year. A list of items that are needed is in the back. Please place donations on Sundays in the little red wagon :-) by August 31st.

Sunday, September 6 | Worship & Fellowship

- **During Service:** *Blessing those celebrating September Anniversaries*
- **After Service:** *Monthly First Sunday Coffee Hour (Sign-up sheet in the back)*

Sunday, September 27 | Vestry Meeting Resumes

Monthly Vestry meetings resume on the fourth Sunday of each month. We will meet in the Board Room immediately following worship.

Pastor Maria on Leave (Aug 5–19)

Pastor Maria will be out of the office through August 19th. During this time, Pastor Cindy is available for any Garden and Food Shelf support!

Food Shelf Financial Assistance Needed

Our Food Shelf is in need of financial support to keep serving our community. If you are able to make a monetary donation, write "Food Shelf" on your check note. Or go to our website "Give" and then "Give Now."

SAVE THE DATE!



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SUNDAY, SEPT. 13
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN THE CHURCH GARDEN



BRING A DISH TO SHARE



SMSJ Weekly Calendar

August 10 - August 17, 2026

Monday, 8/10	9 am-2 pm - SOOP Interns on site
Tuesday, 8/11	9 am-2 pm - SOOP Intern final day at SMSJ 4:00 pm - Gardening at EDEN 1199 5:00 pm - Gardening at EDEN Merchants
Wednesday, 8/12	9:00 am - Gardening at EDEN Church 10:30 am-Noon - Food Shelf
Thursday, 8/13	
Friday, 8/14	Church Office Closed
Saturday, 8/15	
Sunday, 8/16	9:30 am - Holy Eucharist <i>Our final Episcopal 101</i> <i>National Anthem Rehearsal and Picnic Lunch</i> <i>"Play Ball"</i>

Please note: The Church Office is closed on **Fridays** until after Labor Day Weekend.



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The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen, Ph.D., **Rector**
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Amelia Yousey

Deacon Emeritus
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Dave Everson ('28)
Heather Gilfoy ('27)
Michele Holmes ('28)
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