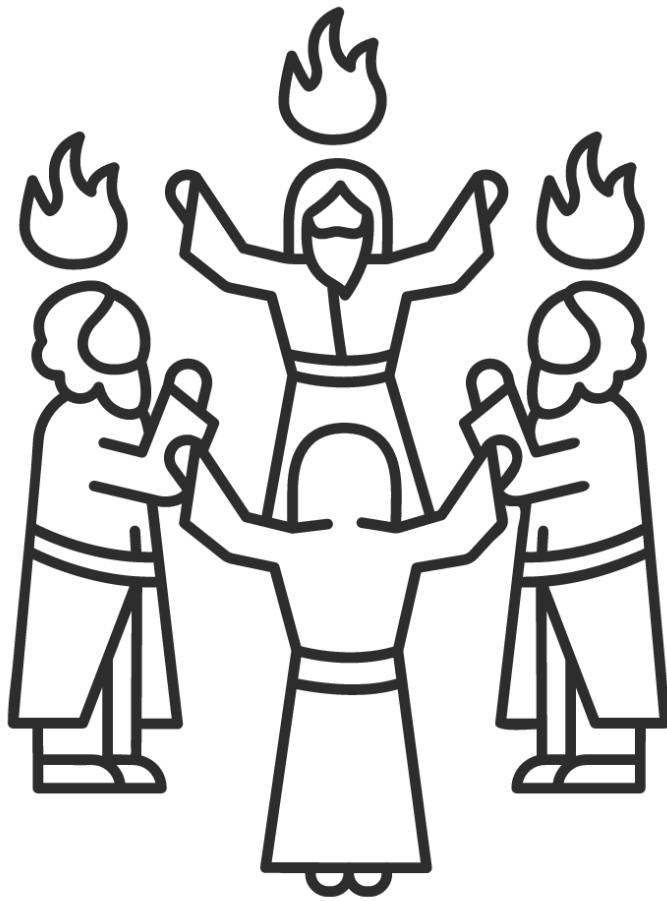


# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



September 22, 2024

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

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

Name tags are available. We'd love to make one for you if you do not have one already.

Help yourself to coffee in the "cafe," and feel free to bring it to your pew. We're casual.

We invite children to make themselves at home at our children's table, where there are weekly activity bulletins and crayons.

Our live YouTube broadcast begins at 9:15 am. Our YouTube channel link is available on our website, [stmarksandstjohns.org](http://stmarksandstjohns.org).

We do not pass an offering plate during the service. If you would like to make a financial gift, you can place it in the plate (by the sign-in binder) or contribute online.

## PRELUDE

### OPENING MUSIC

### “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 11:18-20

*A reading from the book of Jeremiah, the eleventh chapter...*

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

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

## PSALM 54

Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

**Hear my prayer, O God; \***  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

**Behold, God is my helper; \***  
**it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \***  
**and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**

For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*A reading from the book of James, the third chapter...*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.


Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (2x)



Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The first three staves are identical, and the fourth staff repeats the phrase twice.

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## GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who

was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

Maria Hartz, M.Div.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us,**

**Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,**

**companion and friend,**

**redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,**

**Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection created world**

**where all things are fixed,**

**and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,**

**God yesterday, today and forever,**

**the three in one, the one in three.**



SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *Please be seated*

*You're invited to light a candle at our prayer table and write your prayer intentions on one of the Prayer Boards during the music.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for...

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer a sign of God's peace to one another.

*After the Passing of the Peace*

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

# DOXOLOGY

# "Lead Me, Guide Me"

*Eucharistic Ministers bring the Communion elements to the altar during the music.*

Lead— me, guide— me, a - long the way,  
For— if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
**Fine**  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.  
1. I am weak— and I need thy strength and power to—  
1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me  
1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,  
**D.C.**  
1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

## MUSIC

## “Crowded Table”

*by Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna  
Text adapted for worship*

**Refrain: I want a church with a crowded table**

**And a place at the altar for everyone**

**Let us take on the world while we're fed and able**

**And bring us back together when the day is done**

**Verse: If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed**

**Plant a little happiness - let the roots run deep**

**If it's love that we give - then it's love that we reap**

**If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift-up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we say together,

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.**

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this in remembrance of me.**

And so, remembering all that was done for us: his life and ministry, the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection longing for Christ's coming in glory, we present these gifts to you that your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us with all your whole creation into the joy of our true eternal home.

**Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God take them in remembrance of Christ's life, death, and resurrection and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

*All are welcome to receive communion.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

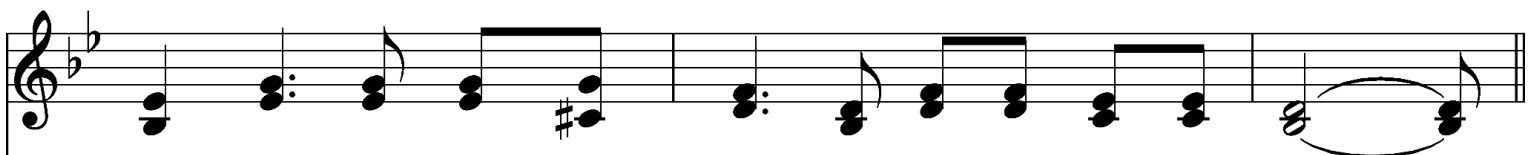
### "How Great Thou Art"



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:\_\_\_\_\_ How great Thou

art,\_\_\_\_\_ how great Thou art!\_\_\_\_\_ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee:\_\_\_\_\_ How great Thou art,\_\_\_\_\_ how great Thou art!\_\_\_\_\_

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world as we live out your call to love and serve. Amen.**



## "THE BLESSING" (Aotearoa)

*adapted for SMSJ liturgy - original music and words by  
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe, Steven Furtick*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
make Her face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn Her face toward you and give you peace. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

May Her favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
And your family and your children and their children,  
and their children. (2x)

Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

## FINAL BLESSING

May the God of all peace bless you and keep you.  
And the wisdom, love and grace of God strengthen you to be God's  
hands and heart in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you today and remain with  
you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Go forth in the peace of Christ. Tend our  
neighborhood.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Worship Leaders for September-November (*Lectors*)

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Lesson &amp; Psalm</b>	<b>Second Lesson &amp; Usher</b>	<b>Prayers of the People &amp; Greeter</b>
9/22	Mary E.	Dave E.	Bob C.
9/29	Heather G.	Terri C.	Terri C.
10/6	Joe C.	Michele H.	Tom F.
10/13	Theresa H.	Steve F.	Sharon K.
10/20	Mike F.	Nancy W.	Deb S.
10/27	Deb S.	Joe C.	Michele H.
11/3	Tom F.	Theresa H.	Steve F.
11/10	Sharon K.	Mike F.	Mary E.
11/17	Michele H.	Deb S.	Heather G.

## Worship Leaders for September-November *(Eucharistic Ministers)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Common Cup</b>	<b>Single Cup Tray</b>	<b>Collect Cups</b>
9/22	Mike F.	Sharon K.	Theresa H.
9/29	Nancy W.	Michele H.	Joe C.
10/6	Sharon K.	Terri C.	Heather G.
10/13	Bob C.	Dave E.	Mary E.
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11/3	Joe C.	Deb S.	Terri C.
11/10	Heather G.	Bob C.	Dave E.
11/17	Dave E.	Nancy W.	Mike F.

## Weekly Garden Times

Tuesday 5 PM - Deacon Mike @ Parsells  
6 PM - Deb @ Merchants  
Wednesday 9 AM - Mary Ellen @ Church  
Saturdays 9 AM - Maria @ 1199 Culver

Garden Captains are needed for EDEN 1199, Children's, and Denver. If you are interested in serving in this capacity with a team of volunteers, we would love to have you onboard!

### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Are we missing your information? Let us know so we can add it and celebrate!*

<b>Birthdays</b>	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Ginnie S. - September 2	Bob C. & Dennis R. - September 10
Sharon K. - September 9	
Sue L. - September 14	
Bob C. - September 16	

## Announcements

Our **Vestry Meeting** schedule for the Fall - TODAY after Worship September 22nd (Vestry Retreat), October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th.

**Episcopal 101 - Reboot** - Bishop Kara will be visiting SMSJ in December. During her visit we will celebrate Confirmations and Receptions into the Episcopal Church. Moving forward our Episcopal 101 classes will be offered after church (*instead of Thursday evenings*) October 6th and November 3rd. Please see Pastor Cindy for details.



Save the Date for **Empty Bowls 2024!** This yearly fundraiser will take place on **Friday, October 25**. Tickets are on sale now at [bit.ly/SMSJEmptyBowls2024](https://bit.ly/SMSJEmptyBowls2024) or by scanning the QR code.

Want to make a soup? Let Terri C. know. Able to bake? Let Theresa H. know. Have a raffle prize to donate? Let Ginnie S. know.

Our final **Community Garden Work Day** will be Saturday, October 19 at 10 am in the EDEN Church Garden!

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Our **2025 Pledge Campaign** is going live soon! Keep an eye on our weekly Newsletters, Social Media, and Bulletin Announcements to learn more about how you can invest in the mission and ministry of SMSJ.

An update on **Maria's process for Ordination to the Priesthood** - Maria will be serving a few Sundays a month at Church of the Epiphany in Gates, as required for "field education" as a Postulant for Holy Orders. She will be shadowing the Rector, preaching, and learning from a different setting. When she's not there, she will be here for Worship!

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## Diocesan News

**2024 Convention 93** will be held on Saturday, **October 26th** at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Our delegates (Clergy & Lay) are required to pre-register by September 9th. The pre-Convention Meeting will be held on Zoom, **Tuesday, October 1st 5:30 pm-6:30 pm**. The agenda will include reviewing the Diocesan Proposed 2025 Budget (inc. Apportionment), meeting the Nominees for Elective Office, and learning about Convention logistics.

A **Celebration of New Ministry** will be held on Saturday, 9/28 at 10:30 am for The Rev'd Jim Trimble at St. John's (Honeoye Falls).

## **SMSJ Weekly Calendar**

September 23-29

Monday, 9/23	
Tuesday, 9/24	1 p.m. - Food Shelf Bagging ( <i>St. Thomas'</i> ) 5 p.m. - Gardening at EDEN Parsells
Wednesday, 9/25	9 a.m. - Gardening at EDEN Church 10:30 a.m. - Food Shelf ( <i>Sharon, Mary Ellen, Nancy W.</i> )
Thursday, 9/26	
Friday, 9/27	9 a.m. - SMSJ Project Morning
Saturday, 9/28	10:30 a.m. - Celebration of New Ministry (St. John's Honeoye Falls)
Sunday, 9/29	9:15 a.m. - Sunday Worship with Eucharist



**COMING SOON!**



**2025  
PLEDGE  
CAMPAIGN**



## **St. Mark's & St. John's Staff**

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### **Audio and Video Producer**

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### **Deacon Emeritus**

The Rev'd Mike Finn

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### **Co-Wardens**

Walt Snyder &  
Sharon Kowalski

### **Vestry Members**

Bob Caruso (Clerk)  
Heather Gilfoy  
Ella Gruel

### **Diocesan Delegates**

Ella Gruel  
Nancy Ramsay  
Deb Snyder

### **Treasurer**

Michele Holmes

Theresa Harte  
Nancy Ramsay  
Ginnie Schindler  
Nancy Willer

### **Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition Representative**

Terri Censak