

Historical Theology Talks & Dinner Fellowship 2025 Focus ~ The Nicene Creed

Wednesdays, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the
Ministry Center

Each Sunday we hear the Gospel then we stand and recite the words...I believe in God, the Father Almighty...and so on. Why do we say these words? This creed was formed in the 4th Century and serves as the basis for our understanding of the Trinity (God, Son and Holy Ghost). Jake and Willis will walk us through the formation of the Creed – the how and why we say what we say. We will connect these words to our Protestant Theology and offer an insight why these words matter greatly in our lived life today. The Creed is a historic document for sure, but it's alive in our lives today since it describes a living God.

March 12 -- **I believe in one God...**

Why do we call God father (Abba)? What does it mean to have one God? What does Creatio ex Nihilo mean?

March 19 -- **And in one Lord Jesus Christ...**

Is Jesus God, Jr.? Why is he Lord? What does *homoousios* mean and why is it so dag blasted important? Why is John's Prologue so important?

March 26 -- **and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

What happened on the Cross? Why does Luther claim over and over, *Crux probat omnia* — **The cross is the test of everything?**

April 2 -- **And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of life,**

We have Lord again? Why? Do we think about the Holy Ghost as Casper or something different? Why is a high pneumatology so important?

April 9 -- **And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;**

Baptism represents the indissoluble bond between God and humanity. Why do we go to Church on Sunday? And what's my hope?

What we'll do:

Fellowship and Dinner from 6-6:45pm.

6:50pm—7:30pm ZOOM begins and presentation
with plenty of time for questions.

Note: No Evening Prayer during Lent

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday -- April 13, 10:00am
Liturgy of the Palms with the Passion Reading from the
Gospel according to Luke and Holy Communion
Palm Sunday Children's Presentation

The Great Litany—April 16, 6:00pm
Walter Michael will lead us in a powerful service of prayer
and reflection. In the Sanctuary and Zoom available.

Maundy Thursday -- April 17, 6:00pm
Service of Holy Communion with optional foot washing and
stripping of the altar

Good Friday Solemn Liturgy -- April 18,
6:00pm

Holy Saturday — April 19

Easter Sunday! April 20, 10:00am
Service of Holy Communion
with Flowering of the Cross!

MONTHLY SERVICES

HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING. Join us every **third Thursday** from 11:30am to 12 noon in the sanctuary (no Zoom) for a short service of communion with healing prayers. Dates: March 20, April 24, May 15

SUMMER CHAPEL SERIES! SAVE THE DATE! Summer Chapel Services with Holy Communion will be held every **first Sunday of the Month (June—September)** in Eagle Rock at Emmanuel Chapel at 11:00am. On these Sundays, we will not be at St. Mark's Fincastle campus.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Interested in learning or reading more about theology, then please stop by and see our renovated library! Peg Coffey has curated our selections and we have lots of great works!

Other ways to get involved...

BOTETOURT MUSIC ACADEMY

The Botetourt Music Academy offers choirs for students ages 5 through adult. The choirs rehearse on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Scholarships are available. To register for the Botetourt Music Academy, please select Registration from the Botetourt Music Academy menu on the church website. Any inquiries can be directed to music@stmarksfincastle.org.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meets every Tuesday and Saturday at 7:00pm in the church parish hall downstairs.

BOTETOURT FOOD PANTRY

The Botetourt Food Pantry, led by co-chairs Martha Rodgers and Cathy McClung, is located in the basement of the St. Mark's Ministry Center. It assists families with food and occasionally helps with electric and gas bills. Food is distributed on Saturdays from 9:30 to noon.

DORCAS GUILD

The Dorcas Guild welcomes all who enjoy stitchery of any kind. The group works on quilts for charity but those who wish to come may also bring their own personal projects. They meet every Thursday of each month from 10:00am to 12 noon and then from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, but you are welcome to come at any time and stay as long as you like.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

A casual Bible Study on the Gospel of John which meets weekly on Thursdays, from 12:05-1:00pm. Bring a bag lunch. *Sessions are designed for drop-in, so come when you are able.*

GLEBE SERVICES

A service of Holy Communion is held at The Glebe Retirement community in Daleville every second Tuesday of the month at 11:00am

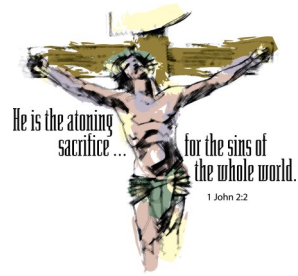
AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT MINISTRIES

A ministry collaboration with area churches that support Afghanistan refugees who have relocated to the Roanoke Valley. Email Jake for more information. jake@stmarksfincastle.org

ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Meets the second Monday of every month at noon in the Ministry Center. Bring a bag lunch. The mission of the DOK is to be an extension of Christ's kingdom through prayer, service, and evangelism. Text Penny Neil for more information (540) 529-6537.

Adult Education - Lent & Beyond



Adult Education starts at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and meets in the Parish Hall (downstairs in the church).

“Atonement Theology”

Atonement theology is core to our understanding of the Cross and the “at-one-ment” that is forged through Jesus’ death. Episcopal scholar and preacher Fleming Rutledge wrote a magnum opus on the Crucifixion. The book aptly titled *Crucifixion* unpacks various understandings of atonement theology, and we will spend the next seven Sundays reviewing and unpacking these ideas.

March 9 through May 11

9 March: Introduction and “The Passover and the Exodus”

16 March: The Blood Sacrifice

23 March: Ransom and Redemption

30 March: The Great Assize

6 April: The Apocalyptic War: *Christus Victor*

13 April: The Descent into Hell

20 April: No class, Easter Sunday!

27 April: The Substitution

4 May: Recapitulation

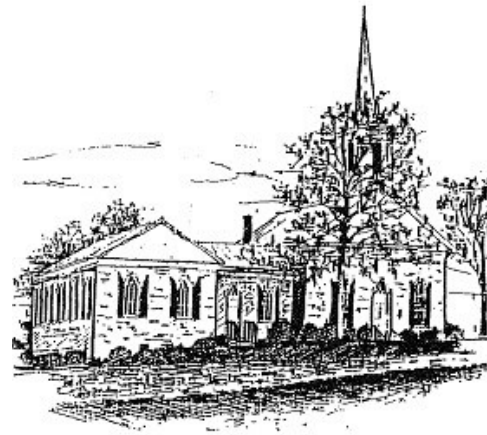
11 May: Concluding Thoughts and Reflections

ADULT EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE THROUGH ZOOM!

See website—stmarksfincastle.org

The reformer William Tyndale introduced the word Atonement (Romans 5:11) into the Biblical lexicon with his translation. The King James Bible reads:

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement – Romans 5:11.



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Sunday Morning

Adult Education and Fellowship time (Parish Hall) 9:00am-9:45am

Holy Communion Rite I at 10:00am

Monthly

Second Tuesday of each month, Holy Communion at The Glebe at 11:00am

First Sunday of the Month (June – September) - **Summer Chapel Services** with Holy Communion in Eagle Rock at Emmanuel Chapel at 11:00am. **NO SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S**

Third Thursday of the Month—Holy Communion with Healing Prayers

Weekly

Evening Prayer, Rite II - 7:30pm Wednesdays, resuming after Holy Week

LENTEN *Schedule*

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