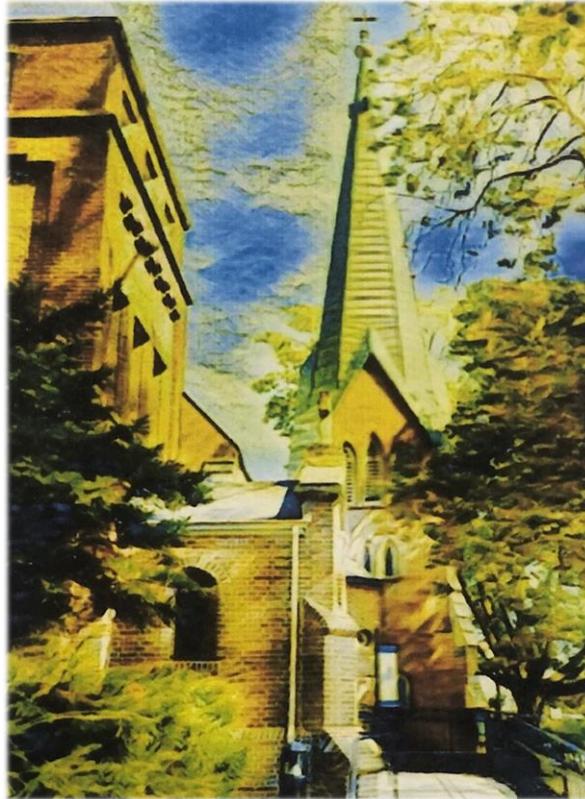


THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JUNE 19TH AT 10:15 A.M.



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship. For those who are new to our community, restrooms can be found on the other side of the parish hall. Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after each service. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *This is my Father's World* arr. Doug Beach

OPENING HYMN *We all are one in mission* **WLP 778**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing*) **BCP 355**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY **BCP 355**

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.

GLORIA *Glory to God* **HYMN S-280**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: I Kings 19:1-15a (*please be seated*)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him

- for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
 therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
 and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
 all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
 in the night season his song is with me,
 a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,
 “Why have you forgotten me? *
 and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”
- 12 While my bones are being broken, *
 my enemies mock me to my face;
- 13 All day long they mock me *
 and say to me, “Where now is your God?”
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
 and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; *
 for I will yet give thanks to him,
 who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE SECOND LESSON: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

 The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

WLP 782

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39 (*please remain standing*)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me” – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

THE NICENE CREED (*please stand*)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. (*pause*)
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III (*please kneel*)

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; we pray especially for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bloomsburg; and Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; and Amanda, Stacey, and Jen, our pastors;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Angelica, Bill and Sharon Engle, Carl, Charlie, Claire Phillips, Dave Pennell, David Moses, Emily Lavender, Hannah Andersson, John Symonds, Karan, Kenneth Robert, Maria, Sandy Grove, Tiny Nolan, Tetiana, Aleksandr, and Oleksandr;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

EOW

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by John and Barbara Graeter
in loving memory of their fathers, John Graeter Sr. and Jay Bushong.*

THE OFFERTORY *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* Traditional Spiritual

“Sometimes I’m up, sometimes I’m down
Oh, yes, Lord
Sometimes I’m almost to the ground
Oh, yes Lord.”

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* **HYMN 43, v.4**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto the Lord God.
People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us, and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with angels and archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing,

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might* **HYMN S-125**
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and source of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet, you never ceased to care for us, but prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation, this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit, may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 365

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church invites all who seek God to our Lord's table. If you wish to receive, please come forward to the altar rail when the usher indicates. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. For the wine, you can receive by guiding the chalice to your lips or by handing your wafer to the Lay Eucharistic Minister who will intinct and hand it back to you. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms over your chest when the wine passes. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

I want Jesus to walk with me

WLP 805

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this parish, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body.
People *Because we all share one bread, one cup.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the grace of God bless you with peace, may the love of Christ sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Wade in the water

WLP 740

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE

Carillon-Toccata

Gordon Young

Gordon Young was born in McPherson, Kansas. He attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, and was a scholarship pupil at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. In 1964, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Music from Southwestern for his outstanding contributions to American church music. A superb organist and choral director, he served churches in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Tula, Oklahoma, before becoming the Organist and Choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan, where he served for many years.

“Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.”

*~ A Prayer attributed to St. Francis,
The Book of Common Prayer, p. 833*

Open & Affirming

St. John's is an Open and Affirming congregation. In faithfulness to Jesus and His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves, we invite everyone to celebrate with us in the full life and ministry of the Church.

St. John's Episcopal Church welcomes LGBTQIA+ individuals into the full life and ministry of the Church. This includes invitation to Baptism, Holy Communion, the sacrament of Marriage, and all other sacraments. At St. John's, LGBTQIA+ individuals serve and have served in all capacities, clergy to vestry, choir to lectors, youth ministries to congregants over many years.

We affirm that every person is a beloved Child of God and invite you to come as you are. We strive to listen with open hearts and to embrace each person's sacred story. Our history as the *First Free Church in Pennsylvania* defines our commitment to social justice, removing barriers between people.

We do not have all the answers, nor are we perfect representations of God's love; however, we are committed to learning and open to growing. We are committed to building relationships with our neighbors in Lancaster City through groups such as: Embrace Lancaster and Reconciling Ministries, Lancaster Interfaith Coalition, Citizens Climate Action, Church World Services, POWER, local schools, and others.

At St. John's, "Love your neighbor" takes shape through active ministries including: Refugee Welcome Teams, Eagles' Nest Afterschool Program, college partnerships, Food & Clothing ministries, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Events, Prison Ministries, the AIDS Memorial Garden, and partnerships with other communities of faith for crisis response.

Our Baptismal Covenant asks us: Will you seek and serve God in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being? St. John's answers: *We will, with God's help.*

We invite people of every age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, economic standing, physical and mental ability. Wherever you are on your faith journey: come celebrate with us in our worship, our activities, and our ministries. YOU are welcome here!

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Connecting to our siblings in Christ across the world

Did you know St. John's has a team of pilgrims who travel every week to the very places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares a little bit about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastor Amanda,

If ever there were people in need of prayer, it is the people of South Sudan. While it's a beautiful country with some of the most fertile farmland in all of Africa, the country is

torn apart with violence. I'm actually writing to you from Kampala, in neighboring Uganda, because the US State Department has issued a "Level 4 - Do Not Travel" advisory for South Sudan and I decided not to enter the country. My letters may be considered reporting the local news, and that's not allowed without government issued journalist credentials. At this point it's safest to observe and learn about South Sudan from outside the country. But the people who live there cannot leave, and so are trying their best to stay safe and survive. As I mentioned, there is a lot of rich farmland to grow crops and support cattle farming. There's also a good supply of petroleum oil, and so South Sudan could be an affluent country. But the political leaders are fighting, and several ethnic groups are fighting, and it's dangerous to harvest crops and get them to markets. The people here could be living comfortable and productive lives, but those causing violent conflict are preventing that. Please pray for Peace for the people of South Sudan.

Blessings to you,
-- John Traveler.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S

TODAY

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Lemonade Time
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:15 AM Lemonade Time
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting
2:00 PM Interment

MONDAY, JUNE 20

6:00 PM Daughters of the King
6:00 PM Ministries Council

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Dance Mosaic

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

12:00 PM HEII with Healing

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

J2A Pilgrimage Send-off

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Lemonade Time
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:15 AM Lemonade Time

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at
12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM

June 30-July 6

The Youth (J2A Class) are heading to Oregon for their pilgrimage

Please keep Greyson Way, Natalie Viscoe, Nicholas DiPace, Evan Sipe, Julia Hale, Otto Williams, Joe & April Way, and John & Amanda Knouse in your prayers.

WELCOME



Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church! We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by scanning the QR Code, or by filling out a pew card and placing it in the offertory plate.

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