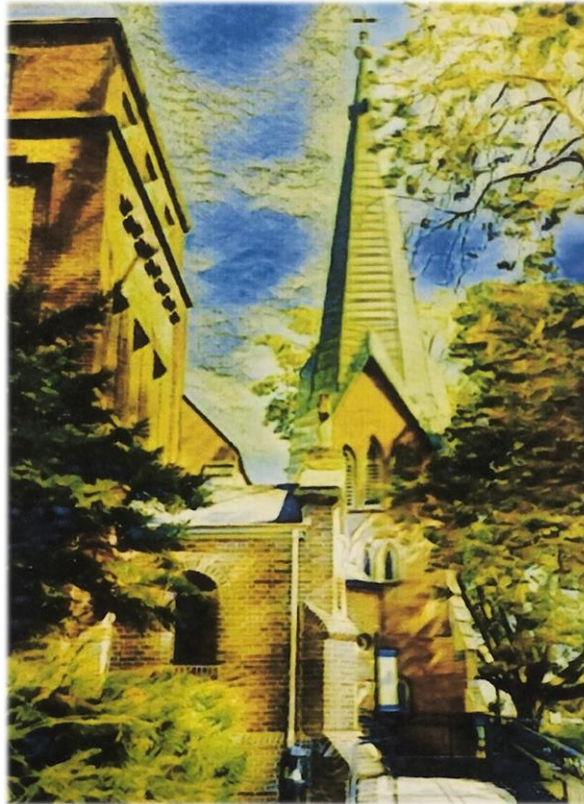


THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH HOLY BAPTISM
OCTOBER 23RD AT 10:15 A.M.



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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus the very thought of Thee* Arr. Dorothy Wells
Tune *St Agnes* by John B Dykes

OPENING HYMN *I sing the almighty power of God* **Hymn 398**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing if you are able*) **BCP 301**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Father of all.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Joel 2:23-32 (*please be seated*)

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

- 10 You prepare the grain, *
 for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
 and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
 and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
 and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
 let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Come thou fount

HYMN 686

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14 (*please remain standing if you are able*)

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector,

standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenters *I present Philip Alexander Shoaf to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
 is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow
 into the full stature of Christ?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness
 that rebel against God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and
 destroy the creatures of God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?
People We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People 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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP 305

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

<i>Leader</i>	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Philip Alexander, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Philip Alexander, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together,

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Barbara Zackowitz by Molly Moyer.*

(Please remain standing as the bread and wine are brought to the altar)

THE OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* *Peter Shaw*

THE DOXOLOGY *Old 100th* **HYMN 380, vs. 3**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A **BCP 361**

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 to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>	WLP 858
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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 intincting your wafer into the cup. 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 SONGS

*Here I am, Lord
Seek ye first*

HYMN 812
HYMN 711

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 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Know that the ever-present mystery we name God is in your past forgiving you, in your present loving you, and in your future meeting you. And may the blessing of the Source of life, the Word of life, and the Breath of life, surround, sustain and surprise you, this day and all your days. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

HYMN 665

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

The Master Hath Called Us Traditional Welsh Folk Tune
Arr. James Pethel

*Just as the Prelude is meant to quiet our hearts and prepare us for worship,
the Postlude is meant to ignite our spirits in reflection of the service
and prepare us to go out into the world and share what we have experienced.*

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,

This week I am in the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, or in English: the Anglican Province of Congo. You may know that Congo is in Africa, but do you know that these are really two countries? The Republic of The Congo was once controlled by France, and the Democratic Republic of The Congo was once controlled by Belgium. Both countries are now independent, and both make up the Anglican Province of Congo. French and Flemish are significant languages here, although many of the people attending Anglican churches live in the east near Kenya and speak Swahili. It can be confusing. And even more confusing - the Equator passes through both countries in their northern territories. That means that one day it's Summer in one village north of the Equator and Winter in a neighboring village just south of the Equator, and then the next day it's Fall in the northern village and Spring in the southern village! In reality it doesn't matter all that much as it's mostly hot all year round.

The republics of the Congo are of course home to the famous Congo River. In places it is the deepest river in the world, and it carries more water than just about any other, maybe except for the Amazon River in South America. Additionally, the republics of the Congo are sometimes thought to be the richest countries in the world due to the vast amounts of minerals and metals that are found in the soil. That may be one of the reasons France and Belgium had such an interest here years ago. But now the Congolese people are able to control their own resources and govern their countries.

The Anglican Province has a new Arch Bishop, Georges Titre Ande, who is leading the church's plans to grow and establish an Anglican Center in the capital, Kinshasa. If you can find it on your map, and you'll see that Kinshasa is a long way from the eastern lake regions where most Anglicans live today. Join me in praying for their good works, and that they have success in building a bigger faith community in this wonderful country.

Yours in faith, always,
John Traveler

2023 Vestry Candidate Bios

Liz West



My career has been varied including accounting for several major firms, documentation and technical writing in the pharmaceutical industry, and a practice in Speech/Language Pathology both in a school district and public health. My husband Paul and I have been married for 44 years and have three children and four grandchildren. Since moving to the Lancaster area in 2019, we have attended worship services at St. John's, where I have been involved in Food Pantry, Choir, the Property Committee, and Eagles Nest. I hope to enjoy many more years of service to this wonderful faith community.

Kathy Kyper



Kathy J Kyper, a third generation Episcopalian, retired Critical Care Nurse, and mother of two.

I have been a member of St. John's since 1996, past Chair of the Property Committee, and currently Verger since 2017. As a "get 'er done" kind of person, I look forward to the honor of serving on the Vestry, if chosen.

Ted Loose



I married Pamela Martin Loose at St John's over 34 years ago. We have 2 amazing children - Eric (married to Kelsey) and Julia (married to Charlie) who both were fortunate enough to grow up at St John's. After I was baptized with Eric in 1991, I became active in numerous ministries including Property Committee Chair, 3 terms on the Vestry, Capital Campaign Committee Chair and Discernment Committee Chair. It was great experience to work with a diversified group of very caring, strong and intelligent people during this time.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, playing pickleball, going to the beach and I am currently in the middle of my 34th year of officiating High School Football. I am looking forward to working with other members of the St. John's community.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School & Youth Group
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Holy Baptism
4:00 PM Corn Maze at Oregon Dairy

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Inquirer's Class

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 12:00 PM Healing Service
3:00 PM Eagle's Nest
6:30 PM Confirmation Class
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 9:00 AM Ministers' Meeting
2:30 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Rector's Day Off

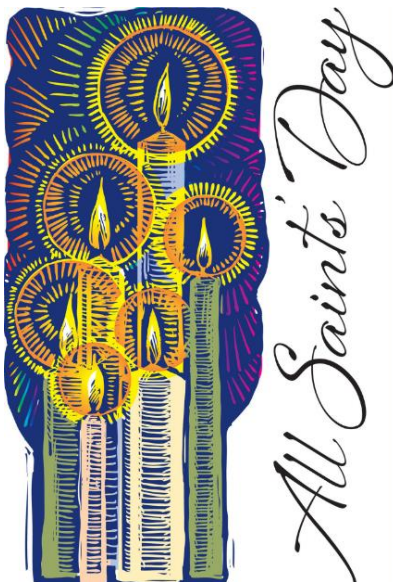
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Coffee Hour to follow each service

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:30 AM Sunday School
& Youth Group
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

- AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
NA: Mon., Weds. & Fri. at 12:00 PM
NA: Thursdays & Saturdays at 6:30 PM



*Sunday,
November 6*

Join us for a festive joint celebration at 9:00 a.m.
as we remember the saints who have gone before,
break bread with the saints among us, and gather
as a parish family for our annual meeting!

*Breakfast and our annual meeting
will follow the 9:00 a.m. service.*

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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