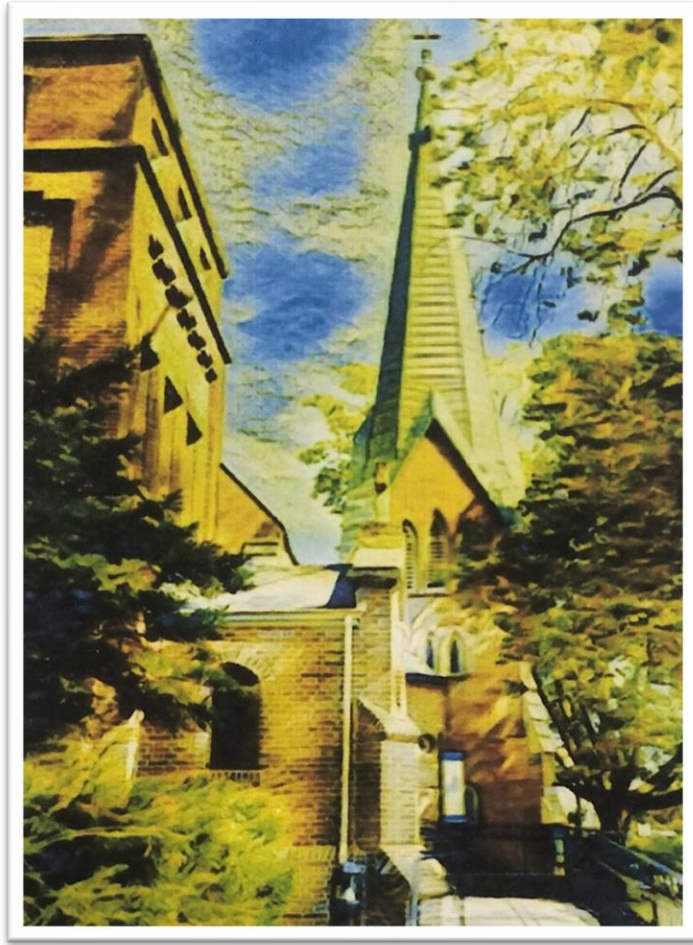


THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
OCTOBER 1ST AT 10:15 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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. We believe strongly in our mission statement to Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our Rite II service comes from the Book of Common Prayer and is filled with vibrant music, sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. This service is filled with the joyful sound of children rustling in the pews, anthems sung to the glory of God, and the heartfelt prayers of those gathered. With acolytes and processions, communal singing, and a mission to love and serve our neighbors, this service invites one to participate in the coming of the Kingdom. At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table.

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE NEW OR ARE VISITING

We are so glad you are here! Ushers are stationed at the back of the church and can answer any questions you may have or please ask a neighbor in the next pew. Restrooms can be found on the other side of the Parish Hall. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the courtyard. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the Parish Hall. Thank you for being here!

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRIES SURVEY

Please fill this out if you have an interest in learning more about the various ways that you can participate in ministry at St. John's. For a brief description of all the areas of ministry, feel free to access the 2023 Ministries Catalog by using the QR code included here. When using this document, there are many links to our parish website, local organizations, and national organizations. In the survey, each category of ministry links to that section of the 2023 Ministries Catalog.



THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Paul Davis

Based on *SCHONSTER HER JESU*

Silesian folk melody

OPENING HYMN

God, my King, thy might confessing

HYMN 414

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing as you are able*)

BCP 355

Officiant

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

HYMNAL S-278

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Exodus 17:1-7 (*please be seated*)

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"

But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Just as I am

HYMN 693

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel Reading; Verse 5 & 6 after the Gospel Reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think?"

A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

BCP 358

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 II (*please kneel as you are able*)

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; in the Diocesan and Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mark's, Lewistown, St. Andrew's in the Valley, Harrisburg, and The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; for our Bishops, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people, especially Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for Claire Phillips & Michael Stank, Debbie Carter, Pat Pankey, Jeannie Zeller, Kate, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella & Colleen, Matt Patterson, Michael Yoder, Kevin, Judy Modene, Angie Stamm, Andrew Gilpin, Jesse Rutledge, Mike Patrone, Dawn, Kent Strickler, Brandon Stamm, Ted Griswold, John Manger, Kathy Plaxa, Erica Kelvy. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. We pray for our friends at home especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Peter Plaxa, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Tiny Nolan, Darlene Bentley, Peggy Zuke, and Paula Wolf. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Flora Rutledge.
Pray for those who have died.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

People Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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.*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *Savior, like a Shepherd lead us* Heather Sorenson

PRESENTATION HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* **HYMNAL 376, vs. 3**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C **BCP 369**

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 God thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might* **HYMNAL S-129**
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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

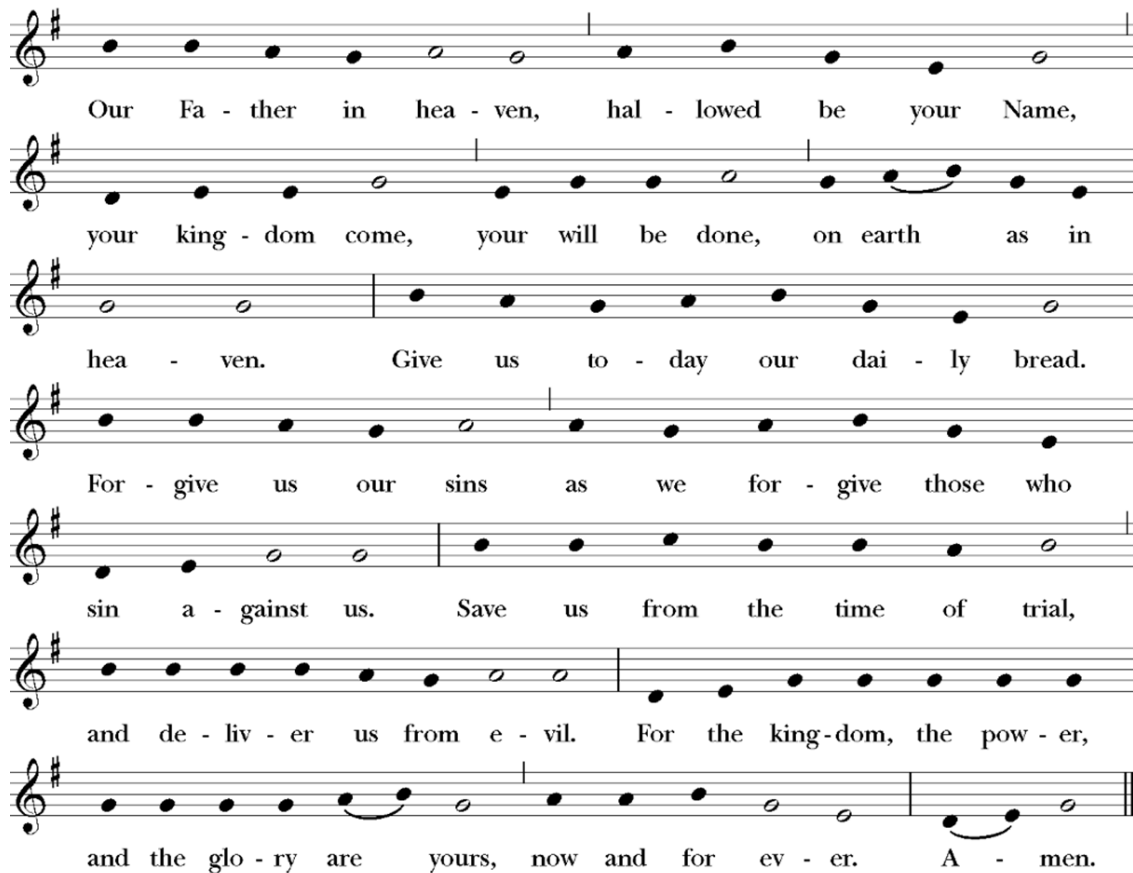
Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMNAL S-149

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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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 dipping your wafer into the separate intinction 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. When finished, please exit to your right. Gluten free wafers are also available.

COMMUNION HYMNS *I want to walk as a child of the light
 O for a closer walk with God*

HYMN 490
HYMN 683

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.

People *We, who are many, are one body 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

Holy God, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Go Forth in Peace

Humphrey Turner

THE NATIONAL ACOLYTE FESTIVAL

St. John's and the Lancaster Convocation are heading to the National Acolyte Festival this Saturday! Please keep the following acolytes, chaperones, vergers, and clergy in your prayers as they represent St. John's in the grandest of celebrations!



Joe & April Way
Greyson Way
Campbell Way
John & Amanda Knouse
Ruth Knouse
Caleb Knouse
Sarah Modene
Phil Modene
Jasmine Willox-Jones
Lara Willox
Thomas Williams
Kathy Kyper

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,

Konnichiwa - Hello from Okinawa. I've come to the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, and send a letter of love to you and to Fred Honaman in your congregation. I hope that Fred's work with Eleanor as missionaries in this diocese is as well known there in his home church as they are remembered here in Japan. They served the church here from 1957 to 2000, first in Tokyo and then here in this diocese of Okinawa. On the occasion of recognizing their 40 years of service to the church in 1997, The Reverend Samuel Koshiishi described the missionary ideal of living together with the people as a means of sacramental existence for the church, and that Fred and Eleanor worked and lived there in exactly that way. Presiding Bishop Edmund Browning added that Fred and Eleanor always extended themselves in the best way they could to reflect the love and ministry of Jesus. Since moving back to Lancaster they are dearly missed here, and fondly remembered. As an American I'm often greeted with, "Do you know Fred and Eleanor? They are wonderful people!" On my return visits to Lancaster and talking with them I know they continued to have a special place in their hearts for Nippon Sei Ko Kai*, and always held the people here in their prayers, too. Today we hold all of our community in prayer, and give thanks for the ties that bind us close across the miles. The wonderful folks here. Fred there with you, and Eleanor watching over all of us, as we are all called to be a missionaries amongst all of God's Creation.

Blessings always,

John Traveler

* When you see Fred, ask if he still has his customized license plate: NSKK

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Coffee Hour to follow each service

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 AM Adult Forum

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 4:30 PM Trans Loving Community
5:00 PM Executive Committee
6:00 PM Daughters of the King
6:00 PM Ministries Council

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 12:00 PM Healing Service
6:00 PM Lancaster Convocation
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM J2A Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Rector's Day Off

- 6:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday School for ALL
10:15 AM Holy Baptism and
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
11:30 AM Adult Forum

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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

CREATION CARE GUEST SPEAKER: KATIE RUTH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT

Join us on October 15th in the Parish Hall after the 10:15 AM service to learn what is happening in our environment and what small steps we can take individually and as a faith community in caring for God's creation. Katie Ruth is a wealth of information when it comes to being faithful stewards of God's creation and practical steps to making a difference. Mark your calendars and please join us for this informational meeting!

FOOD PANTRY HELP NEEDED!

Friends, our Food Pantry is feeding more people every week and we need your help! We are always in need of food donations, particularly canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce and spaghetti. Donations can be placed in the basket in the back of the church or in one of the red carts. In addition, financial contributions are extremely helpful as we are trying to purchase as much bulk food at a reduced price as possible. Checks can be made out to St. John's Episcopal Church with "Food Pantry" in the memo line. Thank you for helping us feed the hungry and love our neighbors!

WELCOME

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

OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

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The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector
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The Rev. Stacey Catigano, Deacon
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Mary Waskowicz (Senior Warden), Leslie Morgan (Junior Warden),
Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, John Modene
Liz West, Ted Loose, Kathy Kyper

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Drew Dorgan, Webb Cook,
David Rutledge, Heather Trenary, and Sue Heilman

STAFF

Douglas Beach, Minister of Music & Communications
Dana Sanborn, Bookkeeper
John Knouse, Property Manager
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