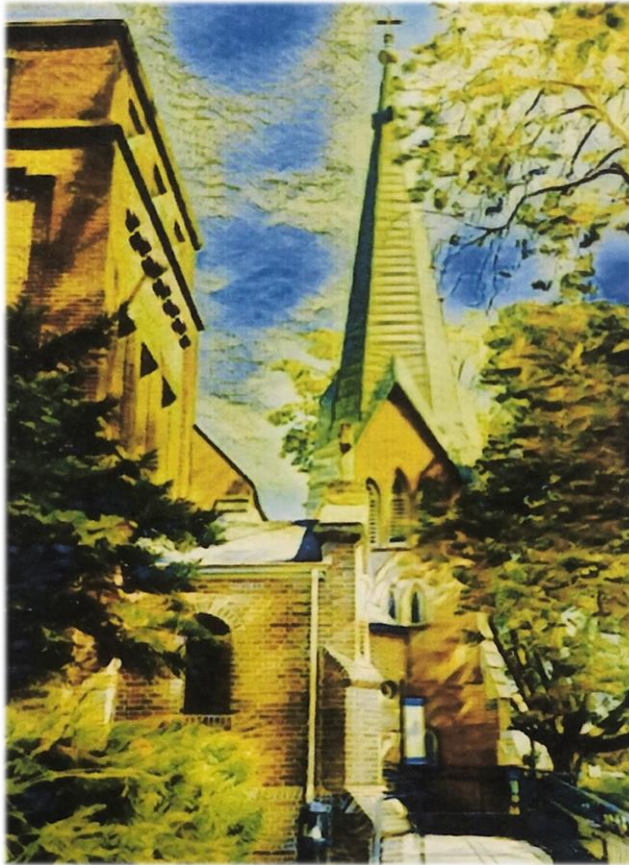


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
SEPTEMBER 22nd 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.

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 – just look for the red signs. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service. For those with small children, a nursery is available every Sunday, however our youngest members are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

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. Our musical selections come from one of two resources: The 1982 Hymnal (*the red book, the S stands for Service Music, which is found in the front of the hymnal*) and Wonder, Love, and Praise (*WLP, which is the green book*). At St. John's everyone is welcome to the Lord's table. We pray you experience the love of God through our worship and fellowship.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST MUSICIAN – GLENN FISHER, FLUTE

Glenn Fisher earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from West Chester University in Pennsylvania. He also holds a Master's Degree in Performing Arts Management from New York University. Professionally, Glenn worked in Marketing with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, followed by three decades in public broadcasting management in Minneapolis/Saint Paul and Dallas. Glenn has studied flute with former New York Flute Club President Harold Jones at Westchester Conservatory of Music, Hal Graham at NYU, and with Eastman School of Music graduate Linda Chatterton. He has been soloist and first chair flutist with the Inver Hills Community Band in Minnesota and currently plays frequently in several churches in the Berks County area.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you have an announcement, you would like the clergy to share,
please fill out the form on our website or let the office know no later than Thursday.*

PRELUDE *Blessed Assurance* Phoebe Palmer Knapp
arranged by Gary Lanier

OPENING HYMN *Lord of all hopefulness* **HYMNAL 482**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*please remain standing as you are able*) **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* **HYMNAL S-278**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant 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.*

THE FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 11:18-20 (*please be seated for the readings*)

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

THE SECOND LESSON: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

All praise to thee

HYMNAL 477

Verses 1&2 sung before the gospel reading; verses 3&4 after the gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

Celebrant

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

People

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.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all people, we pray for All Saints, Hanover and the Church of North India; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Diocesan Bishop; Amanda, Jen, and Stacey, our clergy; and Emma, our seminarian; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, especially Joe, our President; Josh, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Pat Pankey, Kent Strickler, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Mary, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Sandy Patrone, Sharon Maloney and Rick Trenary; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them. For our friends at home, especially Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Carol Greenfield, Sandy Grove, Carole Humphrey, Darlene Bentley, and Peggy Zuke; let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

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

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 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 OFFERTORY *If ye love me* Thomas Tallis

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.* **HYMNAL 380 v.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 God 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.* **S-125**

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

HYMNAL S-149

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. The wine is administered in two chalices: the common cup for drinking and the intinction cup for dipping your wafer into the wine. 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. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you are unable to come to the altar, please let an usher know and we would be happy to bring communion to you!

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Amazing Grace
If thou but trust in God*

Gary Lanier
HYMNAL 635

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 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

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Sing, ye faithful

HYMNAL 492

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory
(Please be seated for the postlude)

Gary Lanier

BRING YOUR PET (LEASHED OR CAGED),
FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL, OR PICTURE!



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Join us as we give thanks for our pets, celebrate
creation, and remember the ministry of St. Francis.

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 6:00 PM
WHERE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (COURTYARD)
321 W. CHESTNUT ST., LANCASTER, PA 17603

During the service, a free will offering will be collected for Lancaster City K-9 Unit.

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,

While I've traveled to India this week, I want to ask for continued prayers for the people of Myanmar. You'll remember that I was there two weeks ago. The last few days Myanmar, along with Laos, Vietnam, and parts of southern China have been hit with torrential rains. So far the flooding has taken more than 70 lives in Myanmar, with thousands of people displaced and trying to survive. Please keep them in your prayers, and support the relief efforts to get food and supplies to the people in need. The government is not able to do much to help its own people.

I am continuing my tour of exotic sounding places, and this week am in the Punjab region of northern India. What a melting pot of cultures! Over the centuries many different people have passed through this land of fertile farmland and ever flowing rivers, with many staying to build their own communities. I would say the land is not too different than Lancaster County, except that just to the east are the foothills of the massive Himalayan mountains. By comparison, the highest peaks in the Rocky Mountains are a bit over 14,000 feet. The Himalayas include 110 peaks that are more than 24,000 feet above sea level.

Punjab has a fascinating history due to its mix of peoples and religions, mainly Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh. You may know that Sikhs and Hindus share many philosophical and spiritual beliefs and practices, and these differ from Islamic traditions. This came to a head in the 1940's when the Punjab region was partitioned, with the eastern part remaining in India and the western part becoming the new country of Pakistan. Many Muslims chose to go to the predominantly Islamic country of Pakistan, while many Hindus and Sikhs who were living in that region then moved east to stay in what remained of India. Imagine living in your home for generations and all of a sudden being told it's now part of a different country!

Next I will be crossing the border into Pakistan, and so I'll write to you from there soon. We have friends who make beautiful rugs, and I'm looking forward to reconnecting with them. Until then, "sarbat da bhala," which means blessings for everyone.

John Traveler

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

12:00 PM Healing Service
5:30 PM Adult Forum
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Clergy Day Off

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & FORMATION

COFFEE HOUR: We are looking for help in hosting our coffee hour after each service on Sunday morning. You can choose to do both in one day or pick one that works best for you. You can also team up with a friend to do them! We will give you a walkthrough of the kitchen and help you your first time, and there is always someone in the parish hall that knows the kitchen and is more than willing to help. Food should be very simple - maybe some fruit or veggies and a few treats, nothing elaborate! Coffee is provided by the church. If you have questions, please contact Karen DiPace karen.dipace@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for considering this very important ministry to our church! Sign up online (go to www.stjohns-lancaster.org) or in the Parish Hall!

ADULT FORUM: WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE PARISH HALL

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a light supper and lively discussion on the book, "When You Wonder, You're Learning." Each week, we look at a different aspect of Mr. Rogers' ministry and how it relates to our own faith and practices. All are welcome – whether you've read the book or not!

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.

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Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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