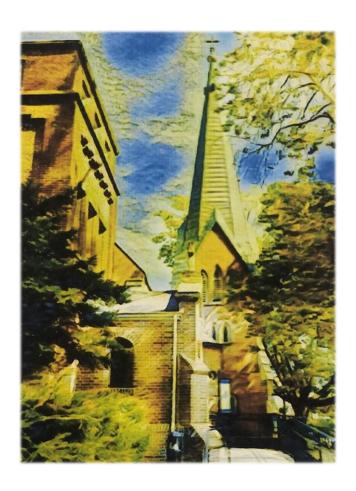
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II SEPTEMBER 29th 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.

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 Make A Joyful Noise Alan Viner

OPENING HYMN Holy Father, Great Creator HYMNAL 368

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.

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: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 (please be seated for the readings)

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you." So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-14

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

GRADUAL HYMN Before thy throne HYMNAL 374

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50 (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.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

THE REV. JEN TRENARY

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.

SERMON

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 I

BCP 383

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 St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Altoona and The Church of Pakistan; let us pray to the Lord, *Lord, have mercy*.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; 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, Sharon Maloney & Rick Trenary, Carmen Velazquez; 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 Schmücke Dich, O Liebe Seele G.F. Handel

Arr. B. Owens

HYMNAL 380 V.3

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

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 sad, "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 if 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,



BCP 365

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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	I come with joy	HYMNAL 304
	Spirit Divine, attend our prayer	HYMNAL 509

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

Go forth for God

HYMNAL 347

sung to the tune "Eventide"

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Entrada Grayston Ives



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,

From Punjab to Punjab! Last week I was in the Punjab region of India, and this week I've crossed the border to visit the Punjab region of Pakistan. I'm visiting friends in Lahore who make the most beautiful rugs. I especially like the floral patterns they design, rich with a kaleidoscope of colors. If you happen to be in Lititz there's a shop near the square that sells these rugs, handmade here in Lahore.

These multi-colored rugs are a fitting metaphor for the Church of Pakistan (United), being made of many threads of different colors. Being a "united" church means that it was formed as a merger of churches of Anglican, Methodist, Lutheran, and Scottish Presbyterian traditions. In a time when churches seem to be splitting apart more often than not because of their members' differences, it's refreshing to be among people finding the threads they have in common, even amongst threads of different backgrounds and colors. They honor and preserve their heritage, not becoming a melting pot, but a tapestry in which each person's differences enhance the richness of the heritage of their neighbors.

The known history of Lahore begins in hazy memory of perhaps 2,000 years before Christ, but the city as it is today was begun about 1,200 years ago. As I wrote earlier, Pakistan is largely Muslim, and you can see some of the most exquisite mosques that were built here in the 15 and 1600's. The "Old City" was once walled in, with buildings so close together that walking is the best way to travel. But traveling I go. I'm about to venture to Mingora, farther north, and the home of Malala Yousafzai. Several years ago she visited Lancaster and met with people at Central Market. Wish me safety, though. Mingora is in the Swat Valley, and not far from the border with Afghanistan. Travel there is still uncertain, but I am hopeful for a safe meeting with longtime friends.

An Urdu language blessing here is Allah Aapka Hafiz - May God watch over you. It's like sending a heartfelt hug, and is a good blessing for us all, from different backgrounds with common love. Until next week...

John Traveler

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST JOHN'S:

TODAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Ministers' Meeting Coffee hour to follow each service 9:00 AM 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I Worship Committee 10:00 AM

Sunday School Food Pantry 9:15 AM 2:30 PM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II Handbell Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM 7:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Stewardship Committee 5:00 PM Clergy Day Off

Men's Bible Study 6:00 PM 7:30 PM Blessing of the Animals

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Ordination of Luke Selles 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry 11:00 AM

Food Pantry 2:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Coffee hour to follow each service Healing Service Holy Eucharist: Rite I 12:00 PM 8:00 AM 5:30 PM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Sunday School

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM 10:15 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

WEEKLY SUPPORT MINISTRIES

AA: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

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!

NEWSPAPER BAGS FOR FOOD PANTRY:

Our Food Pantry often orders bulk quantities of snacks and other nearly-free items from the Central PA Food Bank, and we package them in small quantities for our visitors. We'd love to have some of those long, skinny bags in which newspapers are delivered, if you're not using them. Thank you!

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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