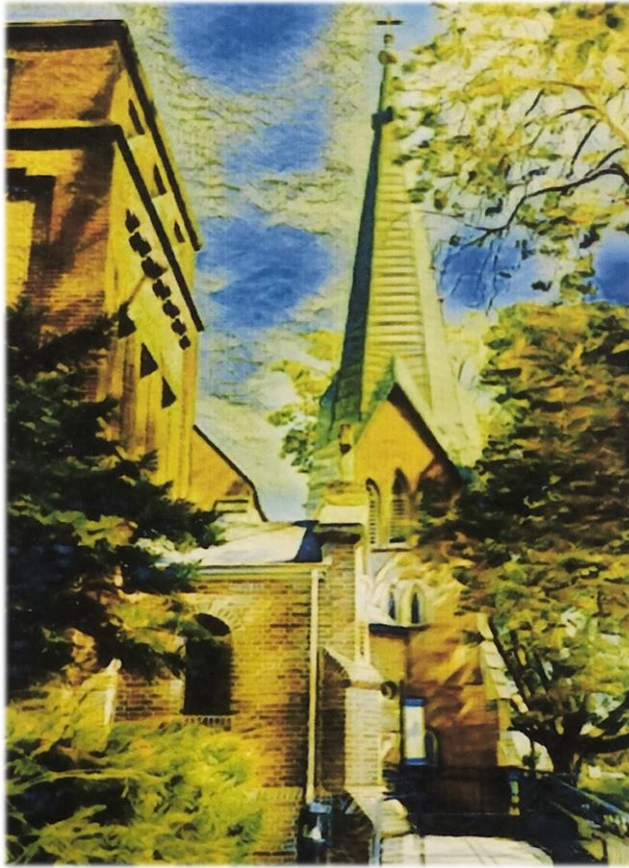


**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOMECOMING SUNDAY!**



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:15 A.M.**

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## **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 in the Parish Hall. 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.

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## 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** *Voluntary in C* John Stanley

**OPENING HYMN** *O, for a thousand tongues to sing* **HYMNAL 493**

**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* **HYMN S-278**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 35: 4-7a (*please be seated for the readings*)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.’  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

**PSALM 146**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**THE SECOND LESSON:** James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

**GRADUAL HYMN**      *Lord, whose love through humble service*      **HYMNAL 610**  
*vs. 1&2 before the Gospel reading, vs. 4&5 after the Gospel reading*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-47 (*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 set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**SERMON**

THE REV. AMANDA KNOUSE

**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.

**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, hear our prayer.”

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. James Episcopal Church, Exchange, and The Church of the Province of Myanmar; let us pray to the Lord,  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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, hear our prayer.*

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, hear our prayer.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord,  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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, hear our prayer.*

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, Pat Pankey, Kent Strickler, Glenda Broad, Nancy Strasburg, Justin & Lisa, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Richard Anderson, Mary, Collin, Liz Kryder Reid, Eileen Waite, Maria Sauder, Eamon Nelson, Mary and Chuck Byrely, John, Sylvia, Maggie, Sandy Patrone, Sharon Maloney and Rick Trenary; let us pray to the Lord,  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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, hear our prayer.*

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

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,  
let us pray to the Lord,  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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

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

*God be in my head*

John Rutter

### 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**



*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,

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 c - 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 HYMNS

*Jesu, Jesu*  
*Word of God, come down to earth*

**HYMNAL 602**  
**HYMNAL 633**

## 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

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

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**HYMNAL 423**

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

*Azmon*

arranged by Edwin T. Childs

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Calling all kids and teenagers! Are you ready for another year of learning about Jesus, the church, and God's love for you?

Our Sunday school open house is TODAY. Wander down to visit the classrooms, figure out which classroom you'll be in (we'll fill you in that day), and get a registration form. Sunday school classes will begin on September 15th at 9:15 am! We are so looking forward to learning with you this year.

**Orange room: Early Elementary**  
**Blue room: Upper Elementary and Middles**  
**J2A room: Rite 13 Crew and J2A**

Children are an integral and cherished part of the St. John's community. Through our nursery, church school, and youth programs, children learn about Christ, the Bible, the Church, and what it means to "Grow in God, Act in Service, and Witness in Love" – the very mission of St. John's. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children in St. John's educational programs, attend church regularly so children may benefit from continuity of lessons, and register for special Provincial and Diocesan activities, including retreats and social events. Lessons learned — and friendships made — will last a lifetime!

## **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,

As friends do these days on FaceBook, I am marking myself safe in Myanmar. I was detained at the border as I tried to enter the country from Thailand, but finally allowed in with safe passage to the city of Yangon to meet up with Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo. He is well respected even though he is in the Christian minority in this nation that once designated itself as a Buddhist country. Something around 90% of the people here are Buddhist, but there is no longer an official state religion.

You may recall Myanmar's history from my prior letters, and its history is important for the existence and continuation of the Anglican Church here. The first Anglicans came here in the 1800's as chaplains with the British Army. Their work focused on building schools, primarily for the children of British and other western European parents who were here for work during the colonial period. Over time those schools opened up to native Myanmar (Burmese) students. Some of the Burmese went on to become church lay leaders and ordained Anglican priests. That was fortunate because all foreign missionaries were forced to leave the country in 1966. When this happened there were enough Burmese lay persons and priests to carry on the worship, mission, and work of the Anglican church. I could safely say I am not a missionary, and that is part of the reason I was allowed in without being arrested.

In current times the work of the church is primarily worship and Bible study because the government has taken control of all social welfare programs. Churches are not allowed to provide food to the hungry or shelter to the homeless, even though there are many people in need. At least they are building compassion for others through the teachings and example of Jesus.

I am glad to be safe, and pray that you are, too. I'll write more when I can.

Blessings always,  
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 9

4:30 PM Trans Loving Community  
6:00 PM Ministries Council  
7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry  
2:30 PM Food Pantry  
4:00 PM Finance Committee  
6:45 PM Capital Camp. Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

*Clergy Day Off*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 AM Voyagers

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

*Coffee hour to follow each service*

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I  
9:00 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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.stjohns-lancaster.org)) or in the Parish Hall!

**NURSERY:** St. Johns offers Nursery care every Sunday during the 10:15 service. We are currently looking to hire a full-time caregiver, until then we will need 2 volunteers each week. Adults who help will need to have updated clearances completed. If you need help with this, please contact Karen Di Pace at [karen.dipace@gmail.com](mailto:karen.dipace@gmail.com) (they are free for volunteers and only take a few minutes to complete). Please review the available slots on our website at [www.stjohns-lancaster.org](http://www.stjohns-lancaster.org) to sign up. 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.

## OUR MINISTERS

All Baptized Members

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Molly Moyer (*Secretary*), Nick DiPace, Andy Welaish, Liz West, Ted Loose,  
Kathy Kyper, Gretchen Walden, Penn Glazier

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