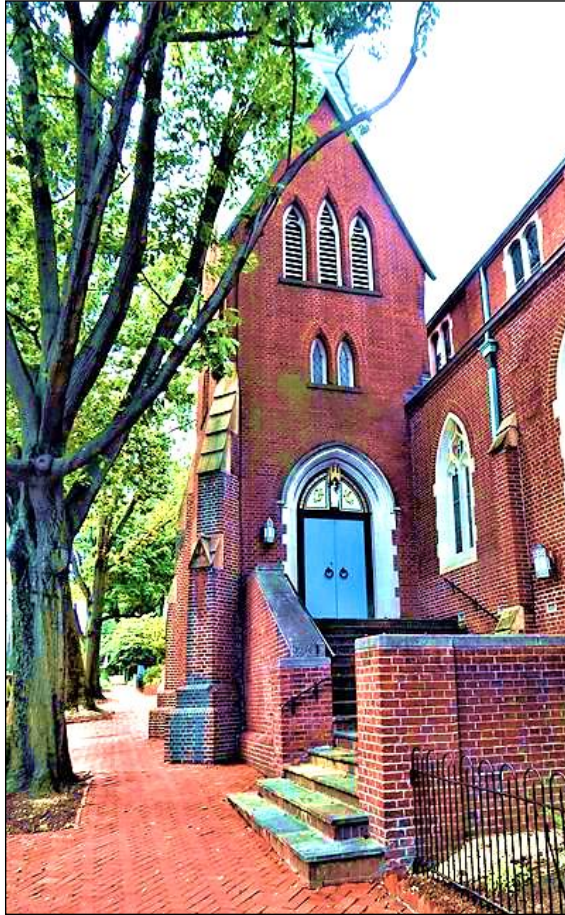


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JULY 13, 2025 AT 9:00 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. In addition to worship, opportunities for fellowship exist after the service in the Parish Hall. A nursery is available every Sunday for our littlest members next to the restrooms. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

During the summer months, we worship as one congregation with a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. 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 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.

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 by noon on Wednesday.*

PRELUDE

You Are Welcome
Chara

Chris Muglia

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

HYMNAL 390

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

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

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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: Amos 7:7-17 *(please be seated for the readings)*

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you

see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* **HYMNAL 609**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 (*please remain standing as you are able*)

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,

and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Robert Geper

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 IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Diocesan and Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill; and The Church of North India; and Grace Church, Allentown, our “sibling parish”. God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons. Especially remembering Amanda, our Rector, during her time of sabbatical. God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for Donald, our president; Josh, our Governor; Danene, our mayor; and those serving in the Armed Forces. God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially our friends at home; we pray for Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Sandy Grove, Peggy Zuke, Peggy Buscher and Teresa Sullivan. Grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Nancy Strasburg, Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Denise Chandler, Sandy, Marshall, Bonnie, Heidi, Danny, Kenneth; Sarah Gordon, Leslie Tahsler, Shannon & family, Lainey Jane & family, Sergei, Bart Smallwood and Eamon Nelson; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially remembering Jesse Rutledge, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.. God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.*

THE CONFESSION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Officiant 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.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *You the Christ* Ian Callahan
Chara

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* **HYMNAL 380 v.3**
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

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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* **HYMN 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.

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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

*In Remembrance
Gift of Finest Wheat
Chara*

Buryl Red
Robert Kreutz

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

HYMNAL 660

THE DISMISSAL

<i>Celebrant</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i>

POSTLUDE

Offertoire sur le Grand Choeur

Adolphe Marty

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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 Pastors Amanda, Joe and Bishop Bob,

It is hot. I'm here in the city of Sri Ganganagar in northwestern India near the Pakistani border, and it's already 104 degrees at 10am. Few places have air conditioning, and so many people wake up before the sun rise to get as many tasks done as possible before the extreme heat.

Despite the sweltering temperatures, life goes on. The Church here in Northern India is known as a "United" church, which includes not just Anglicans (what they call Episcopalians), but also Methodists, Presbyterians, and other Protestant churches. As a result, services look a little different here as they combine bits and pieces of all these faiths – as well as local customs – to ensure that everyone feels included. For example, some people may sit on the floor instead of kneel or bow instead of cross themselves over their chest.

To escape the heat, I headed north to the small city of Leh in the Ladakh province. It's part of an area of the country known as Kashmir, which has been claimed by not just India but Pakistan and China for decades. A small, brief war even broke out early this year. The area is surrounded by the snow-capped Himalaya mountains, which were a welcome surprise after my time in hot Sri Gangangar. People in Leh are mostly Muslim, Buddhist, or Hindu, so you could imagine my surprise when I came across a small Moravian chapel just a couple days ago.

You all may know the Moravians as the group that founded Lititz, just 15 minutes north of Lancaster. I was shocked to see they've also had a small presence here in Leh for 150 years. The world is so small! The people I spoke with in the Moravian chapel didn't speak much English, but when I mentioned I was from the United States, their eyes lit up and one drew the shape of a pretzel with his fingers – he had been to Lititz's Sturgis pretzel factory!

The world continues to surprise me, and I hope you find one way in which you discover such wonder in your own daily life this week.

Many blessings,
John Traveler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST NEED!

The Community Breakfast Crew will be collecting sunscreen and hats (baseball hats and bucket hats) to hand out at breakfast this summer. Please consider purchasing SPF 50 and over. Contact Jess Eccles at jessicalp10@gmail.com with any questions.

BOOK GROUP BEGINNING ON JULY 27TH

Deacon Joe will lead a book discussion on *Braving the Thin Spaces: Celtic Wisdom to Create Space for Grace* by Julianne Stanz. The first discussion will take place on Sunday, July 27th following Lemonade Time after the 9:00 a.m. service. It will continue each Sunday until August 17th.

CITIZENS MONEY ESSENTIALS

The last class will meet on August 13th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry needs 12 pack egg cartons again! Our partner, Westfield Eggs is providing bulk eggs, and we are getting low. Thanks for your help!

REMINDER!

The deadline for submitting articles for the August *Messenger* is July 25th. Please send articles to: office@stjohns-lancaster.org and please write August Messenger in the Subject line. TY!

MANY THANKS to Chara for sharing their music gifts with us this morning!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:00 AM Yard Give Drop Off

MONDAY, JULY 14

5:00 PM Yard Give Drop Off

TUESDAY, JULY 15

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

12:00 PM HEI with Healing

THURSDAY, JULY 17

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

2:30 PM Food Pantry

FRIDAY, JULY 18

SATURDAY, JULY 19

9:00 AM Community Breakfast
First Reformed

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:00 AM Yard Give Drop Off

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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