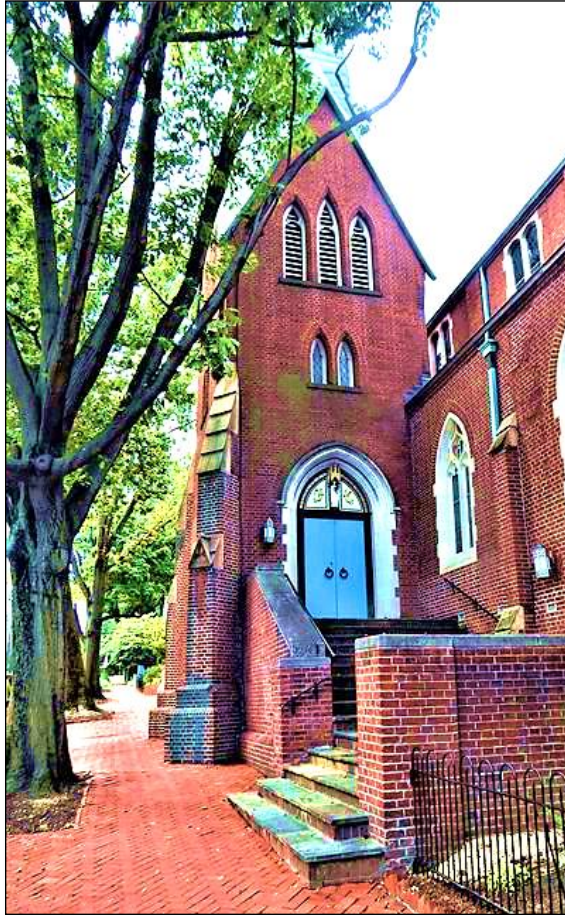


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
JULY 27, 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	<i>Get Together</i> (duet)	Chet Powers
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit</i> Tune: <i>Morning has Broken</i>	HYMNAL 294 HYMNAL 8
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OPENING ACCLAMATION *(please remain standing as you are able)*

<i>Officiant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	<i>There is one hope in God's call to us;</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	<i>One God and Father of all.</i>

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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: Hosea 1:2-10 *(please be seated for the readings)*

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the

valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

HYMNAL 410

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13 (*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.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Presenters *I present Aimery and Ariane Paillard to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present
 are brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow
 into the full stature of Christ?
Presenters *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness
 that rebel against God?
Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer *I do.*

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People *We will.*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking
of bread, and in the prayers?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent
and return to the Lord?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?
People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?
People *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP 305

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

<i>Leader</i>	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Send them into the world in witness to your love.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Leader</i>	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
<i>People</i>	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. <i>Amen.</i>

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</i>

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Aimery/Ariane, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Aimery/Ariane, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together,

People *We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Imagine
(duet)

John Lennon

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

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*The Lord's Prayer
Prelude on Bunnissan
(duets)*

Paul John West
Gregory Hamilton

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 God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

HYMNAL 709

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Cortege

Camille Saint-Saens

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,

Hello and good morning from Papua New Guinea! This island country is located just north of Australia, and while it only has about the same amount of people as Pennsylvania, there are more than 840 known languages spoken. I've been able to get by with English for now but it's hard to keep up!

Most people here live on farms scattered throughout the dense mountains that stretch across the country, where they grow coffee and cocoa beans, tea leaves, and sugar. Most people coexist with their natural environment – in fact, more than one in twenty living species worldwide can be found here!

While nearly everyone here is Christian, there's still a large minority of people who believe that witchcraft and sorcery is a problem throughout the country. Among these people, Sorcery Accusation Related Violence (SARV) is on the rise. While it may sound like something from the past, SARV is a serious issue here, which results in people who are suspected of being witches or sorcerers being burned, beaten, or forced underwater to confess their "sins."

Over the past few years, the government has worked with universities, communities, and churches to combat SARV. In many remote areas, the church is the one institution that is able to warn people about SARV and promote peace. The former Bishop of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea has, instead of judging people accused of sorcery, called for counseling and safe houses for people accused of being witches.

While more people may be aware of the harms related to SARV, it still is much too common across this beautiful country. I hope you'll join me in praying for the victims of these horrible accusations and for the opening of the hearts of those who practice these punishments.

Blessings always,
John Traveller

TODAY

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
w/ Baptism

10:00 AM Yard Give Drop off

MONDAY, JULY 28

5:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

5:00 PM Yard Give Drop off

TUESDAY, JULY 29

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

12:00 PM HEII with Healing

THURSDAY, JULY 31

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

2:30 PM Food Pantry

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:00 AM Yard Give Drop off

BOOK GROUP BEGINNING TODAY

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 **TODAY** 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 August 13th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

THE FOOD PANTRY is still collecting 12 pack egg cartons! Thanks for your help!

MANY THANKS to Paul West and Nick Di Pace for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning!

CONGRATULATIONS and welcome to the family of God Aimery and Ariane!

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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