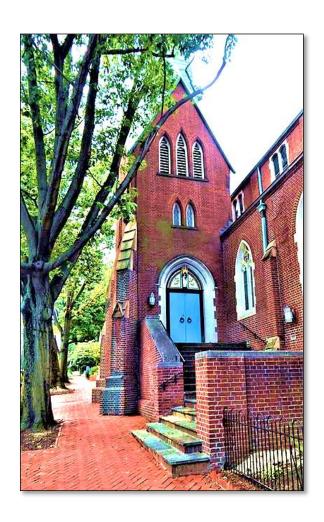
# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II JULY 6, 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

PRELUDE Allegro Maestoso from Sonata No. 2 Felix Mendelssohn

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken HYMNAL 522

**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.

CelebrantThere is one Body and one Spirit;PeopleThere is one hope in God's call to us;CelebrantOne Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (please be seated for the readings)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you

may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 30

1 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up \* and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, \* and you restored me to health.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; \* you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; \*

give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, \* his favor for a lifetime.

6 Weeping may spend the night, \* but joy comes in the morning.

7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. \*

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

8 Then you hid your face, \* and I was filled with fear.

9 I cried to you, O LORD; \*

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? \* will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 11 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; \* O LORD, be my helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; \* you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; \* O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE SECOND LESSON: Galatians 6:1-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYMNAL 657

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11,16-20 (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.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON** The Rev Dr. Joe Pritchett

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

**BCP 301** 

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenters I present Jack Richard Lisman to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present

is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child 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,

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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 Jack who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant 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. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

**BCP 306** 

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Jack, 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 this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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*.

Jack, 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 Lord God of Abraham from "Elijah" Felix Mendelssohn

solo

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

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. 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 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.

Hymn S-129

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 My God Thy Table Now Is Spread HYMNAL 321

Adagio from Sonata No. 1 (Organ) Felix Mendelssohn

#### 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 Zion Haste. Thy Mission High Fulfilling HYMNAL 539

## THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## 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 from Nigeria! It's good to be back here in Abuja, the capital of this busy, fast-growing African nation. In fact, Abuja is the fastest-growing city in the world, and it's difficult to keep track of all the changes happening every single day.

More than 200 million people live here and speak over 500 different languages. It sits at the middle of the continent - between east and west, north and south, and the Christian and Muslim halves of Africa. Just like the US, it's a real melting pot with people of all backgrounds living side by side together.

You may have heard of Nigeria in the past because of a terrorist group known as "Boko Haram." But what I see when I'm walking around Abuja, which was only built about 40 years ago, is a capital city built to bring people together. Standing just two blocks apart are the National Christian Centre and the Abuja National Mosque — two giant, larger-than-life buildings that represent the two biggest faiths in Nigeria and the hopes and dreams believers share across both religions.

I took some time to pray in each and saw Muslims heeding the call of prayer in the church and Christians sharing the gospel in the mosque. What a beautiful sight, and one that is so sorely needed in this uncertain world.

Just like Abuja, we're all constantly growing, and I'm reminded that it's up to us to keep making sure this growth is for the better and for good.

Blessings always, John Traveler

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

# **TODAY**

Lemonade Time to follow Worship 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

# Monday, July 7

4:30 PM Trans Loving Community Meeting

6:00 PM Ministries Council

# TUESDAY, JULY 8

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry 2:30 PM Food Pantry 4:00 PM Finance Committee

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

# WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

12:00 PM HEII with Healing

# THURSDAY, JULY 10

9:00 AM Morning Prayer2:30 PM Food Pantry

# SATURDAY, JULY 13

12:30 PM Citizens Climate Lobby Group

# SUNDAY, JULY 14

Lemonade Time to follow Worship 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**Many thanks** to Kenan Cowling for sharing his musical gifts with us this morning!

# **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST NEED!**

The Community Breakfast Crew will be collecting sunscreen and hats (baseball hats, bucket hats) to hand out at breakfast this summer. Please consider purchasing SPF 50 and over. Contact Jess Eccles at <a href="mailto:jessicalp10@gmail.com">jessicalp10@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

# **Book Group Beginning July 27**

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 Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> following fellowship time after the 9am service. It will continue each Sunday through Aug 17.

<u>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS</u> – 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!

Citizens Money Essentials – the next class will meet Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

**Yard Give Donation Collection** starts on July 13<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>. Monday's 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM and Sundays after church. The choir room in the undercroft area is the drop off location.

**Reminder** – there is no July Messenger. It will be back in August!

Congratulations to *Jack Richard Lisman*, his parents and godparents on his baptism! Welcome to the household of God!

#### 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

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, Diocesan Bishop

The Rev. Amanda Knouse, Rector amanda@stjohns-lancaster.org

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett, Assistant Rector Joe@stjohns-lancaster.org

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