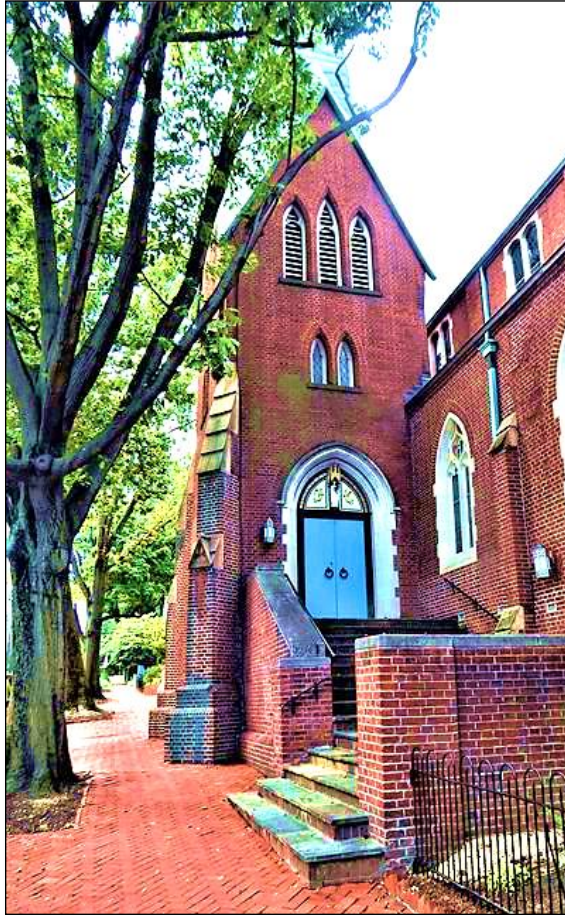


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
AUGUST 3, 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 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Traditional
(solo)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *At the Name of Jesus* **HYMNAL 435**

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 11:1-11 *(please be seated for the readings)*

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them,
 the more they went from me;
 they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
 and offering incense to idols.
 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
 I took them up in my arms;
 but they did not know that I healed them.
 I led them with cords of human kindness,
 with bands of love.
 I was to them like those
 who lift infants to their cheeks.
 I bent down to them and fed them.
 They shall return to the land of Egypt,
 and Assyria shall be their king,
 because they have refused to return to me.
 The sword rages in their cities,
 it consumes their oracle-priests,
 and devours because of their schemes.
 My people are bent on turning away from me.
 To the Most High they call,
 but he does not raise them up at all.
 How can I give you up, Ephraim?
 How can I hand you over, O Israel?
 How can I make you like Admah?
 How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
 My heart recoils within me;
 my compassion grows warm and tender.
 I will not execute my fierce anger;
 I will not again destroy Ephraim;
 for I am God and no mortal,
 the Holy One in your midst,
 and I will not come in wrath.
 They shall go after the LORD,
 who roars like a lion;
 when he roars,
 his children shall come trembling from the west.
 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
 and like doves from the land of Assyria;
 and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

PSALM 107:1-9,43

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty *
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

THE SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

GRADUAL HYMN *All My Hope on God is Founded*

HYMNAL 665

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21 (*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.*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett

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 St. Paul's, Philipsburg, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; 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, and 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 Ella, Kevin, Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Andrew Wright, Denise Chandler, Shirley Parmer, Erin Heintzinger, Phyllis Shearer, Ellen Keller, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Bonnie, Heidi, Danny, Kenneth, Sarah Gordon, Leslie Tahsler, Shannon and family, Lainey Jane and family, Sergei, Eamon Nelson, Pastor Russell, Jeanne, Paul Hershey and John Kerner, Sr.; 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, 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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BCP 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts, may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY *Hold On* Spiritual
 (solo)

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. 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
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. 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 *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

Hymnal 559

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

HYMNAL 594

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Diane Bish

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 and Joe, and Bishop Bob:

They say Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes surrounded by land. Well, The Philippines is a country of 7,000 islands surrounded by water. And unfortunately, this week and also two weeks ago a lot of water has made its way onto the low-lying lands here. Islands are, of course, mountains that stick up out of the ocean. Some of the tallest peaks in The Philippines reach up to over 9,000 feet in elevation, but they all start at sea level. When typhoons roar through, as two have in the last few weeks, those low-lying, sea-level areas get swamped. The people in the town of Calasiao have waist deep water in the streets and in their living rooms. I'm here helping out this week, but it's going to take a lot of time for rugs and furniture to dry out, and roads and homes to be repaired. Please keep these water-logged people in your prayers.

You'll know from my earlier letters that important points in the history of many countries are tied to times of English colonialism, which brought the Anglican Church to the local folks. The beginning of European colonialism in The Philippines is tied to the explorations of Ferdinand Magellan as he circumnavigated the world in 1521 and claimed these islands for the benefit of the Spanish crown. As a territory of Spain many Filipinos became Catholic, and today Catholics account for more than 90% of the population. American missionaries brought the traditions and worship of the Episcopal Church in the very early 1900's. The country was seized by the Japanese military in the years leading up to World War II. The United States military fought long and hard during that world war to liberate the people from the control of Japan, and the country was declared independent at the end of the war in 1946. Since then, the country has been led by a series of strong leaders, selected in democratic elections. Some of the leaders have

ST. JOHN'S TRAVELER LETTER, CONTINUED

been good for the whole country and its people, but some not so much. Former President Rodrigo Duterte campaigned on a promise to eliminate illegal drugs from the country, which sounded like a good goal, but his strong-armed tactics resulted in the ordered killing of thousands of drug dealers and also addicted drug users and people who had no involvement with drugs whatsoever. Catholic priest Flaviano Villanueva has persistently investigated these killings, and this past March Duterte was arrested and charged with crimes against humanity. Father Villanueva is seen as a hero and advocate for people who can't speak for themselves. These events are also signs that The Philippines' democracy remains strong, and no one is above the law.

I'll share your prayers with our friends here and know that they return prayers of well-being and thanksgiving for your friendship to you as well.

Blessings Always,

John the Traveler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **YARD GIVE** will take place on August 8th and 9th from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall and Upper Level. If you can help see Pam Loose.

The ***Braving Thin Places*** book study will continue following the 9:00 a.m. service and after Lemonade Time. Deacon Joe will be leading the book study. If you need a book there are some for sale in the Church Office.

The last class for **CITIZENS MONEY ESSENTIALS** will take place on August 13th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.



MANY THANKS to Douglas Beach for filling in while Mark is on vacation. Welcome back, Doug!

MANY THANKS to Penn Glazier for sharing his musical gifts with us this morning!

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PICNIC will take place August 24th at 11:00 a.m.! See insert for details!

THE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE HAS STARTED – See the insert for details!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

TODAY

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 Book Study after Lemonade Time
10:00 AM Yard Give Drop off

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

- 4:30 PM TLC Meeting
5:00 PM Yard Give Drop off
6:00 PM Ministries Council

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

- 1:30 PM Martha's Ministry
2:30 PM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Immigration Clinic
5:00 PM Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 12:00 PM HEII with Healing

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Worship Committee
2:30 PM Food Pantry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

- 7:00 AM Yard Give

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- 7:00 AM Yard Give
12:30 PM Citizen's Climate
 Lobby Group

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Lemonade Time to follow Worship

- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II
 Book Study after Lemonade Time

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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Penn Glazier, Mary Huber, Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones

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