

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



HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
JUNE 7, 2026 AT 10:15 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, our fellowship hour takes place at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall or Courtyard. A nursery is available for our littlest members during this service, however, please know children are always welcome in worship. Thank you for being here!

A NOTE ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

Our service comes from the Book of Common Prayer, Enriching our Worship, and the 1982 Hymnal. This service is filled with vibrant music, the reading of sacred scripture, and the breaking of bread. 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.

In addition to Sunday services, we also offer a Healing service with Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at noon and on Thursday at 9:00 a.m., Brother David leads Morning Prayer in the Mary Chapel. All are welcome to join!

FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

Our friends at home: Ellen Keller, Nancy Nemith, Ricky Smith, Joanna Sweeney, Al Kuser, Mary Sue Farmer, Ellen Sellers, Edith Kane, Merle Schnee, Peggy Zuke, Theresa Sullivan, Peggy Buscher, Jim Crothers

Our prayer list: Judy Modene, Andrew Gilpin, Cheryl & Rhoda, Ted Griswold, Collin, Eileen Waite, Ann Marie, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Leslie Tahsler, John Lawrence, Elly, Heidi, Danny & Kenneth, Briz Skiles, Maria Wright, Denise Chandler, Kate Benson

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Intermezzo

Josef Rheinberger

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

HYMNAL 493

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

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Worship Note: The S in front of the hymn number stands for Service Music. Service Music is the musical setting for the spoken parts of our service such as the Gloria and Sanctus. Service Music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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: Genesis 12:1-9 (*please be seated*)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

PSALM 33:1-12

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
 it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
 play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
 sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
 and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
 the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
 by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
 and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
 let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
 he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
 he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
 and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
 happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

THE EPISTLE: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Come, thou fount of every blessing

HYMNAL 686

vs. 1-2 before the Gospel reading; vs. 3 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13;18-26 *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Amanda Knouse

THE NICENE CREED (*please rise in body or spirit*)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 *(please kneel as you are able)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God, especially St. Mark's and St. John's, Jim
Thorpe; Holy Trinity, Hollidaysburg; Kirby House, Mountain Top; and The Scottish
Episcopal Church.
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey and Kevin, our Bishops; and for all bishops and
other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Celebrant The peace of Christ 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



Thank you for your generosity as we seek to live into our mission and ministries. Together, our gifts make this community of welcome, reconciliation, and service possible. You can place your offering in the plates when they are passed or by using our secure QR Code. Thank you for sharing your gifts!

THE OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William A Runyan

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 1

EOW

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 our thanks and praise.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.* **HYMNAL S-125**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with St. John, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

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

*Sweet Hour of Prayer
Because He Lives*

William Walford
Gloria & William Gaither

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

EOW

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world; And the blessing of God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, be with you now and always. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

Earth and all stars

HYMNAL 412

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Paul Manz

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

THE SISTERHOOD
OF ST. JOHN'S

at Long's Park

June 14 | July 19 | August 16
5 - 7 p.m. Dinner and Conversation
7 p.m. Live Music (*families invited to join!*)

Get to know the Women of St. John's •
Bring something for Dinner •
Stay for some Live Music!

Sisterhood is more than friendship. It's a sanctuary. A place where we gather the broken pieces of ourselves and find that we are not alone in the mending. A place where we celebrate victories and joys. It is the sacred bond that reminds us we were never meant to walk this path alone.

In a world that tries to pit women against each other, sisterhood is an act of defiance. It is a quiet revolution - the deep knowing that we are stronger together.

St. John's Traveler Letter:

Did you know St. John's pilgrims who travel to the places we pray for in the Anglican communion? Follow John as he shares about the church and the places he visits:

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

Madainn Mhath (matin-va). Good Morning from bonnie Scotland! There are so many lovely places here I would like to share with you, but for now it'll just be two: one of the largest, and one of the smallest. I was able to arrive in Edinburgh last weekend in time for the installation of Dagmar Winter, the new (27th) Bishop of Edinburgh in the Scottish Episcopal Church. It was a wonderful celebration of pomp and circumstance at St. Mary's Cathedral, which is just down the hill from Edinburgh Castle on the Royal Mile.

Following Bishop Dagmar's installation ceremony I took a train to Oban, a ferry to the island of Mull, a bus across Mull to Fionnphort, and then another ferry across the wee channel to Iona, where I've been most of the week. Iona is an isle that's part of the Inner Hebrides, and is about 3 miles long and a mile wide. No cars are allowed except for the few permanent residents, so it's walking everywhere you want to go, in amongst the sheep and Highland coos. Iona is the birthplace of modern Celtic Christianity, or at least one of the birthplaces. Saint Columba came here from Ireland in the 6th Century A.D., established a monastery, and began sharing the teachings of Jesus to people who had not yet heard of Christianity. It became a center for worship and pilgrimage, and is known to be the burial site of many Scottish kings. Legend has it that Macbeth is buried here.

Iona is often called a thin place - where the veil between the earthly and the holy is very thin. In today's times Christians travel from all over the world to spend a few hours, days, or weeks here, and there are active retreats, worship, and study events happening much of the time. The Iona Worship Group was formed to promote peace and harmony with God's Creation, and you may know some of their music that's been composed by the Reverend John Bell. John takes sacred texts and passages and pairs them with traditional folk melodies for meditative worship settings. I hope you'll get to sing some in worship at St. John's.

By the time you get this letter some of my Scot friends will be descending on Boston and Miami for the World Cup Soccer tournament. Maybe you can grab an ice cold Irn Bru and join the Tartan Army. C'mon Scotland!

'Til next week, sláinte! And blessings always,
John Traveler

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH PICNIC | TODAY! | LANCASTER COUNTY PARK

Please join us for our Annual St. John's Parish Picnic TODAY at noon! We will meet at Lancaster County Park, Pavilion #1. The address is 1049 Rockford Rd.

THE STORIES OF OUR FAITH THROUGH GLASS | 9:15 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

You may have noticed our bulletin covers look a little different this month. Each week in June, we will be highlighting a different window in our sanctuary. At 9:15 a.m., we'll discuss the significance of the window and where you can find it. Please join us as we uncover the story of our salvation through the gift of stained glass!

CAMPUS TOUR | SUNDAY, JUNE 14 AT 11:45 A.M. | ATRIUM

Do you still find yourself walking through a door unsure of where it might lead? Got turned around when leaving one space only to find yourself in a classroom, office, or storage area??? Wonder what actually happens on this campus and where? Then this tour is for you! Whether you've been here for years or are new to the community, you are invited to a campus tour to learn about our facilities and the ministries that happen in this sacred space.

PRIDE EVENT | LANCASTER STORMER'S STADIUM | JUNE 20

St. John's will, once again, have a booth at the Pride Festival! We will need volunteers to help spread the love throughout the day. Please email maria at mariaweaverh@gmail.com if you would like to help!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Family Retreat at Brookland!

Church Picnic!

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

9:15 AM Stained Glass Stories Series

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist with music

1:00 PM Education for Ministry

MONDAY

Family Retreat at Brookland!

4:00 PM Finance Committee

TUESDAY

Family Retreat at Brookland!

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing

2:00 PM Weekly Bible Study

THURSDAY

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

2:30 PM Food Pantry

FRIDAY

Rector's Day off

11:00 AM Funeral for Sandy Grove

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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All Baptized Members

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The Rev. Rob Kazee, Ecumenical Associate

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Bruce Waskowicz, Sarah Jones, Bruce Morgan, Brad Zuke

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