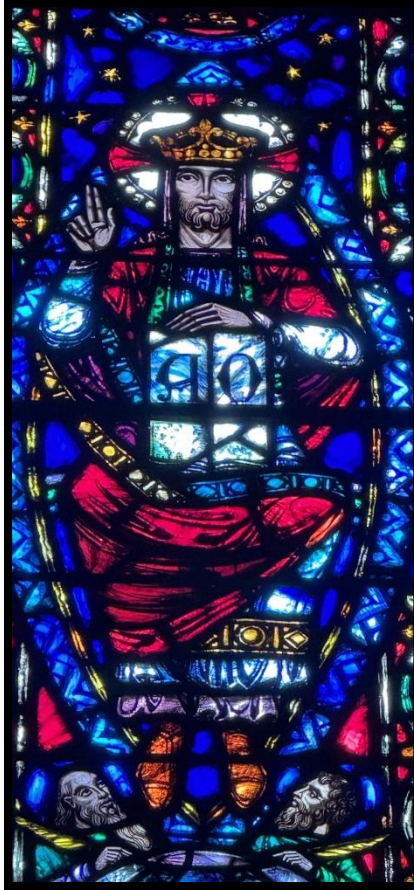


ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
AUGUST 2, 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, opportunities for fellowship exist at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. 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, 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, Sandy Patrone, Marshall, Leslie Tahsler, John Lawrence, Elly, Heidi, Danny & Kenneth, Briz Skiles, Maria Wright, Denise Chandler, Kate Benson, Garth Alexander, Isaac Markovich, Maria Sauder, John

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Offertoire on Ave Maris Stella* Alexandre Guilmant

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O day of radiant gladness* **HYMNAL 48**

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.

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: Genesis 32:22-31 (*please be seated*)

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with

him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM 17:1-7,16

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
 I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
 in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
 from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
 when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
 your likeness.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the

covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Here, O my Lord, I see thee* **HYMNAL 318**
vs. 1-2 before the Gospel reading; vs. 3-4 after the Gospel reading

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21 (*please rise in body or spirit*)

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

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joe Pritchett

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. *(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,
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. Thomas, Morgantown; St. Mark's, Lewistown; and The Church of the Province of Uganda.
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.

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 of 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

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

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

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	<i>Come, O thou traveler unknown</i>	HYMNAL 638
	<i>Love divine all loves excelling</i>	HYMNAL 657

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

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 Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

HYMNAL 690

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

March in the style of William Matthias

Ronny Krippner
(Ripon Cathedral)



Episcopal Night at the Stormers!



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 645PM
(GATES OPEN AT 530PM)

PENN MEDICINE PARK

650 N PRINCE ST, LANCASTER

| **RSVP BY AUGUST 7** |

St. John's Traveler Letter:

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

Dear Pastors Amanda and Joe,

My travels have taken me north from Tanzania this week, and I am delighted to be in Uganda. This landlocked country is approximately the size of Oregon and home to more than 50 million people from 56 ethnic groups. Some say that former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill nicknamed Uganda the "Pearl of Africa" because of its pristine, natural beauty, and I couldn't agree more. I am writing to you from the capital Kampala, which is one of the fastest growing cities in Africa and home to some of the friendliest, most welcoming people I have ever met. From my hotel window, I can see the Lake Victoria, one of the African Great Lakes. I walked along its shores in Tanzania just a few days ago!

Uganda is full of wildlife including giraffes, elephants, gorillas, and hippopotamuses, and I was surprised to learn that more than 1,000 species of birds live here! It also has ten national parks, beautiful mountains, clear lakes, and rich fertile soil. Did you know that the source of the Nile River is in Uganda? Oil has been discovered here, too, and there are tensions between conservationists and those who want to drill. In fact, when I visited the beautiful Murchison Falls National Park to see the famous waterfalls, I learned that 12 endangered giraffes were transferred to the Ajai Wildlife Preserve because the environmental impacts of oil drilling in the park are not safe for them.

While I enjoyed visiting Uganda's natural wonders, I have also delighted in exploring Kampala. It is a vibrant, cultural city with shops, restaurants, cinemas, and an active night life. I am fascinated by the boda-bodas, which are the motorbike taxis that effortlessly weave in and out of traffic jams in this crowded city. Most people, however, do not live in urban areas, because the economy is largely agricultural. I also attended church at All Saints Cathedral in Kampala this week, and I learned that the church is deeply involved in supporting education and healthcare throughout Uganda.

Please keep this country and its delightful people in your prayers. While Uganda is a fast-growing country, it is also one of the poorest nations on earth. Many young people must seek work in other countries and send money home to support their families. I was also troubled to learn that parts of eastern Uganda are currently experiencing a severe drought, and the government this week is organizing an emergency food relief distribution. Uganda is also headed into the rainy season, and the poor infrastructure here means that roads are often washed away. Traffic accidents are particularly dangerous when the rains come. There are also many disagreements between the churches in Uganda and parts of the Anglican Communion, and I pray that a shared love for Christ and recognition that we are all brothers and sisters will lead to reconciliation and healing.

Blessings Always,
John the Traveler

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS AT 2:00 PM | PARISH HALL

Every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., a group meets in the Parish Hall for a lively discussion of the Holy Scriptures. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend! All you need is a bible and an open heart. Please join us!

YARD GIVE | AUGUST 7 & 8 | 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Our Annual Yard Give is almost here! If you would like to volunteer to help, please email ptloose@ptd.net We will need greeters, shopping assistants, and help with set up and clean up!

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR FULTON ELEMENTARY

It's never too early to start collecting items for the Fulton Elementary School teachers! Every August, we celebrate the beginning on the school year with a Fulton Teacher Luncheon and school supply drive. Items can be brought to the church on Sundays or during office hours! Items to collect: Backpacks - Folders - Notebooks - Calculators - Pencil Cases - Art supplies - Binders - Glue Sticks - Pencils - Pens - Markers - Disinfectant Wipes - Scissors - Tissues - Tape - Etc.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Lemonade time at 9AM

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist with music

1:00 PM Education for Ministry

MONDAY

Administrative Day (office closed)

5:30 PM Transloving Community

TUESDAY

1:30 PM Martha's Ministry

2:30 PM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Immigration Clinic

WEDNESDAY

12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing

1:00 PM Daytime Foyer Group

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

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

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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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