

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

8:15 a.m.- spoken

10:30 a.m.- sung liturgy

# Welcome to St. John

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# Order for Worship

Welcome

Prelude~ “The Church's One Foundation”

Karissa Dennis

Handbell Choir

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*The assembly may rise.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

P: Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.  
We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.  
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.  
Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

C: **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn ~ "I Come With Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## Greeting

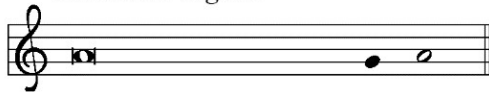
**P:** The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

(8:15) spoken responsively (10:30) sung

*The cantor begins.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



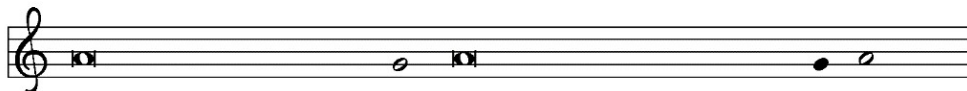
**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.



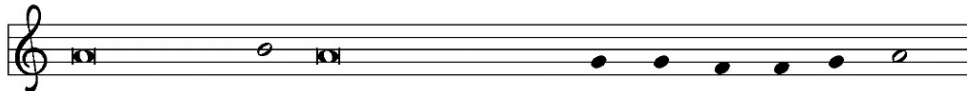
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C:** Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C:** A - men.

(8:15)

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

(10:30) Hymn of Praise~ "This Is The Feast"



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Children's Message

## Word

### First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

A: The first reading is from Acts.

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15) Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Spoken responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;  
let those who | hate God flee.
- <sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;**  
**as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.**
- <sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;  
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.
- <sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;**  
**I Am is that name, rejoice | before God!**
- <sup>5</sup> In your holy habita- | tion, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;
- <sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;**  
**but the rebels shall live in | desert places.**
- <sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,  
when you marched | through the wilderness,
- <sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the | God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**
- <sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
- <sup>10</sup> **Your people found their | home in it;**  
**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.**
- <sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;  
sing praises | to the Lord.
- <sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;**  
**you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**
- <sup>34</sup> Ascribe pow- | er to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.
- <sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,**  
**giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!**

(10:30) Psalm 68 (Cantor, then ALL)



God, in your good-ness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of  
God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the LORD, make music to God's  
name.  
Rejoice in the LORD, exult before God. R.

Father of the orphan, defender of the  
widow,  
such is God in the holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in;

and leads the prisoners forth into  
freedom. R.

You poured down, O God, a generous  
rain;  
when your people were starved you gave  
them new life.

It was there that your people found a  
home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for  
the poor. R.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A: The second reading is from First Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may rise.*

## Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord.\* I am com- | ing to you.

## Gospel: John 17:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.  
 C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly may be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Manke

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn of the Day ~ “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: “Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: “In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea - sure: “Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you

preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## Nicene Creed

- P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.
- C: **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 and the Son,  
 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 Intercession

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. We pray especially for: Marian, Scott, Walter, Roger, Bob, Abigail, Diane, Carolyn, Rosemary, Angelo, Tony, Andy, Greg, Sivan, Joan, Kevin, Rob, Matt, Bongchun, Jimmy, Lance, Stacey, Eleanor, Marie, Greg, Nan, Joshua, and Robert. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

A: O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered. The pastor concludes:*

Pastor: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: **Amen.**

## Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## Meal

*The assembly may be seated.*

Anthem~ "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Chancel Choir

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling gloom.

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show.

The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the graveclothes are lying there."

"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. he has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won."

Christ has risen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, *tr.* Howard Olson

Music: Tanzanian traditional, arr. Nathan Zullinger

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings



Scan to give an offering.

*We are grateful for your support of St. John. Here are the ways to share tithes and offerings: **You may make use of the offering plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary, or scan this QR code to use Square.** Simply Giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Laura Smeltzer, bookkeeper, at [stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com).*

***For communion:** We practice a "standing station" distribution of communion. An usher will indicate to you when it is time to come up. They will have empty cups for you to take if you are to have wine, and proceed down the center aisle. First, receive the wafer from pastor, putting your hands out. Then, if you are receiving wine, hold up your empty cup to the pouring chalice to receive the wine. Grape juice is in the tray beside the cup in pre-filled cups. Younger children or anyone not receiving are welcome to come up for a blessing from the pastor. You will return to your pew from the side aisle. Christ is the host of this meal, his real presence in bread and wine, and **all are welcome at the table.***

***The assembly may rise.***

## Offertory Prayer

**P:** Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving



P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them to the Lord.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



C: Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again: we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able. We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with the heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to boldly pray:

C: **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*An usher will indicate to you when it is time to come forward for communion.*

*The assembly may be seated.*

## Communion Canticle ~ Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The assembly may be seated. The meal is shared.*

## Communion Anthem~ "Come, Holy Spirit"

Cathy Moklebust

Handbell Choir

## Post Communion Blessing

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

A: Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

## Announcements

## Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn ~ “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they  
sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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## Dismissal

P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude ~ “A Hymn of Glory”

Hal H. Hopson

## Serving Today in Worship

Pastor	Pastor Rachel Manke
Director of Music	Lawrence Baker
8:15 Usher	
10:30 Usher	Rita Stock
8:15 Lector	Tia Schwab
10:30 Lector	Ari Greyson
8:15 Communion Assistant	
10:30 Communion Assistant	Andrea Greyson
8:15 Acolyte	Max Scherffel
10:30 Acolyte	AJ Greyson
Video Technicians	Phil Wood, Adam Kiefski, Xavier Mitchell, & Megan Kiefski
Counters	Ron and Lisa Nordmeyer

*Altar flowers are given today by the Sowers family in honor of their anniversary.*

*Our full prayer list is printed on a separate piece of paper that is available near the bulletins. Names will remain on our list for two weeks and then will be removed. If you want to make sure someone remains, contact the church office.*

## This Week at St. John...

### Sunday, May 17 (Quilt Blessing)

8:15 Worship  
9:15 Adult Class/Confirmation  
10:30 Worship  
1:00 Tabletop RPG Event  
1:45 Cub Scouts

### Tuesday, May 19

12:00 Ladies Who Lunch (Rey Azteca)

### Wednesday, May 20

1:30 Visual Arts Class

### Thursday, May 21

10:00 Visual Arts Class  
12:15 Pastor's Bible Study

### Friday, May 22

10:00 Visual Arts Class  
6:30 Boy Scouts Troop 98 [FH, MPR, YC]

### Sunday, May 24

9:15 Adult Class  
9:30 Worship



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## *Happening at St John*

**Tabletop RPG Event** - Join us **today at 1:00 pm**. Open to grades 6+ (parents welcome). No experience needed—veteran players will help and prebuilt characters provided. Pizza/snacks included; feel free to bring your own or share. We'll play until ~2:30/3:00 PM. **Look for the flyer for more details.**

**Ladies Who Lunch** - Join the ladies at Rey Azteca in East Norriton. The group will meet on **Tuesday, May 19th at noon**. RSVP to Rita Stock at (610) 608-1140 or [Stock825@comcast.net](mailto:Stock825@comcast.net).

**Summer Worship Services** - We move to our single summer service at 9:30 am, starting Memorial Day Weekend (**May 24th**) and continues through Labor Day.

**June Coffee Hour** - Looking for helpers for coffee hour on the **first Sunday of June, the 7th**. Coffee and lemonade will be provided. If others can help with goodies, that would be great! Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Great Room or talk to Rita Stock.

**Food Truck Summer Nights 2026** - Wrap n' Roll truck returns for **THREE NIGHTS ONLY (June 24, July 22, and Aug 19<sup>th</sup>)!** These are Wednesdays and we are set up from **5-7 PM**. Why cook? Look for the sign-up sheet because Pastor needs help with set-up and clean-up.

**Vacation Bible School is Coming!** - St John will host a two-night Vacation Bible School to explore "Who is My Neighbor?" on **July 27th and 29th (6-8 pm)**. Children are invited to explore what it means to be neighbors in Christ through games, crafts and intentional activities to learn how our faith calls us out into the world to love and serve our neighbors. This VBS cannot run without the help of volunteers - please reach out to Carin Antochy ([carin.antochy@gmail.com](mailto:carin.antochy@gmail.com)) if you can help make this year's VBS a success.

**Pastor's Thursday Bible Study** - Our Thursday Bible Study continues this week at 12:15 pm with our study on the book of Proverbs. Bring a bagged lunch! Regular attendees take turns bringing a special treat to eat. Join us.

**Altar Flowers** - Remember that YOU can sponsor our weekly flowers for Sunday worship. They are not actually in the budget, so your sponsorship is helpful. Celebrate an occasion, remember a saint of yours, etc. \$30 is the cost. The sign-up sheet is at the base of the stairs in the Great Room.

## *News and Info*

**St John Goes to the IronPigs** - We have set a date for a church outing for a minor league baseball game! We have picked the game **on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm** to see the IronPigs play Syracuse. **That is the AAA Phillies (yay!) against the AAA Mets (boo!).** Tickets are \$13 each which includes \$2 off at concessions. We are also looking for people to set up their own carpools. We have a sign-up sheet in the Great Room for you to put your name down, number of tickets you wish to purchase, and if you paid. Look for the flyer for more details.

**Lutheran Night at the Phillies** - The Phillies might have broken their losing streak, but it doesn't mean they can't use a few extra prayers! Consider joining a group from throughout the synod for Lutheran Night at the Phillies - **Friday, June 5th** vs the White Sox. Use the code: LUTHERAN at [www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets](http://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets). *Note: THIS IS A SYNOD EVENT and not run by St John. Transportation is up to you.*