

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 • 11:00 A.M.

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Music pages can be found following page 8.

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Immortal*, *Invisible*

(H 423) M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Gloria

M-2

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING (*Please be seated.*)

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN Whoever Shelters with the Lord (Psalm 91)

M-3

THE SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *Open Your Ears (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)*

(H 536) M-4

THE GOSPEL (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Luke 16:19-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would

come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, `Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, `Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, `Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, `They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, `No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, `If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Derek H. Miller

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand.)

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. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please remain standing as you are able.)

After each petition,

God, our refuge and stronghold,

We put our trust in you.

The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The People respond, Amen.

CONFESSION

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

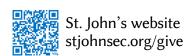
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

I appeal to you, dear siblings in Christ, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.





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arr. Marie Pooler

OFFERTORY ANTHEM All Praise to Thee

St. John's Choir

All praise to thee, our God and King, for all the blessings thou dost bring, for loving care thou dost bestow on all thy creatures here below.

We thank thee, Lord, for thy dear Son, for all the goodness he hath done, for all the sorrow he hath borne, for joy he brings to men forlorn.

All this for us thy love hath done, by this to thee our love is won, for this thy loving children sing. Our thanks and praise to thee we bring.

Teach us to live that we might be most faithful followers of thee. Keep us, O keep us, King of Kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

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.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

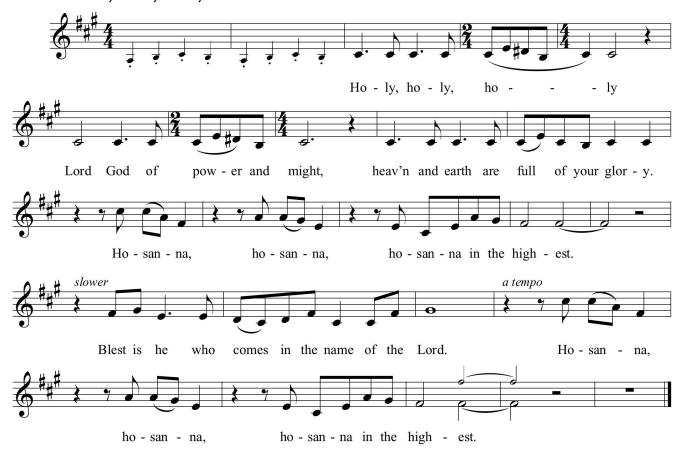
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, God 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:





Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanks-giving. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

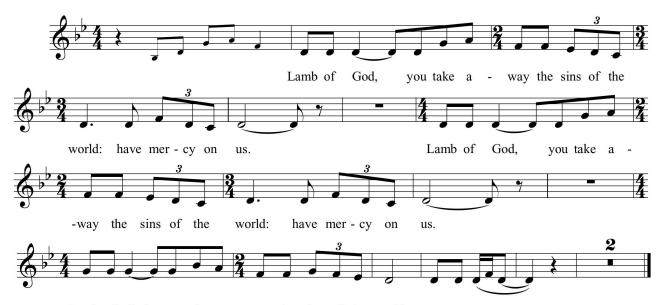
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)

FRACTION ANTHEM Lamb of God

Pechulis



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: God Welcomes You to the Table

This is Christ's Table, and God welcomes us all to be fed and blessed here. All those baptized, regardless of church tradition/denomination, background, or age are invited to receive Communion as members of the Body of Christ. Please let the clergy know if you require a gluten-free wafer. If you are not yet baptized, or wish to receive a Blessing instead of Communion, please cross your hands across your chest and the minister will affirm God's blessing on you. If you are unable to come forward for Communion, please let an usher know so that the clergy may come to you. If you are interested in exploring more of what baptism could mean for you, please speak to Rev. Derek, our Rector, and he would LOVE to talk about baptism with you!

COMMUNION ANTHEM The Ninety-first Psalm

James McDermid

Donna Hesson, soloist

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor the arrow that flieth by day, nor the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor the destruction that wasteth at noonday; because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge even the Most High thy habitation. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways, they shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

COMMUNION HYMNS Before Thy Throne

(H 574) M-5

The Church of Christ in Ev'ry Age

(W779) M-6

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN Ye Holy Angels

(H 625) M-7

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Deb Avant, Jean Bancroft, Steve Belknap, Breezy, Jim Bruce, Leslie Edmonds, Leslie Geist, Karen Good, Sunny Good, Michael Gottlieb, Marti Guillet, Bettina Hallock, The Houston Family, Janis, Jim, Kathryn, Kelly, John Kreft, Glenda Lovchik, Judy Lovchik, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Sarah Nelson & Roland Russoli, The Nwosu Family, Kathy O'Dunne, Charles Osmond, Jean Purcell, Clay Shiflet, Teresa Sinkovich, Michelle Stalder, Alicia Townsend, Richard Townsend, Allison Ward, Dylan Williams, and Mary Lou Williams.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS & THEIR FAMILIES: Taylor Galbraith; LCDR Matthew Kircher, USN

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in thanksgiving for the dedicated Creation Care gardeners of St. John's.

To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.

ENTRANCE HYMN *Immortal*, *Invisible*







- 4 God gives his angels charge of you to guard from those who persecute. You shall not trip against a stone, but trample serpents underfoot.
- 5 "Because you cleave to me in love and know my name to call in need, I shall protect and keep you safe with blessing, glory, life indeed."

GOSPEL HYMN *Open Your Ears* (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after)





COMMUNION HYMN II The Church of Christ in Ev'ry Age

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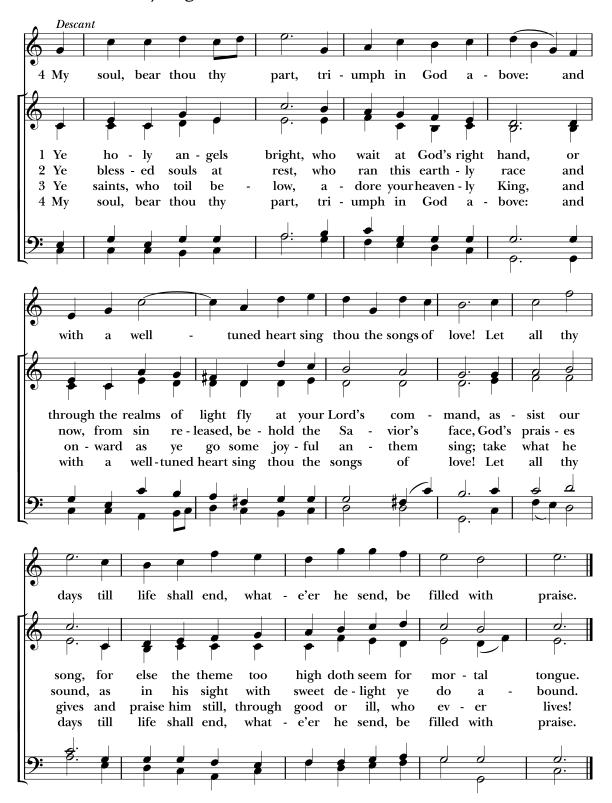
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CLOSING HYMN Ye Holy Angels





10:10-10:50 a.m. · Auditorium

Oct. 5th

TheoEd

The Rev. Lauren Winner "Magnolia Trees and Cardigan Sweaters: Unexpected Metaphors for God"

What is TheoEd?

TheoEd is a faith-based, TED talk-style series that features leading thinkers from the church and academia delivering short, engaging talks that will spark conversations about God, religion, and faith.

Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation!



Sat., Oct. 11, 2025 • 5 - 9 p.m. All Saints Hall

Oktoberfest Music
Authentic German Food, Beer & Wine
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Games & 50/50 Drawings



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH 1:00 PM FRONT LAWN

Hosted by J2A & Rite-13



Sunday, October 12, 2025 11:00 a.m., Historic Church

Children's, Youth, & Adult Connect will take place, 10:10-10:50 a.m., in their usual locations.

Join us for Oktoberfest the night before and then sleep in a bit!

Post this on your refrigerator! "Fridge Notes" coming next weekend!

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WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Contemplative Worship, Historic Church Sundays, 9:00 a.m.: Family-friendly, Contemporary Worship, All Saints Hall Sundays, 11:00 a.m.: Traditional Worship, Historic Church (11:00 a.m. is livestreamed whenever possible on YouTube — https://bit.ly/SJEC-YouTube) 주일 성찬예배 오전 10:30, 한국어 성찬예배는 Resurrection 채플에서 드립니다.

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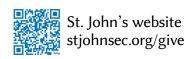
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