

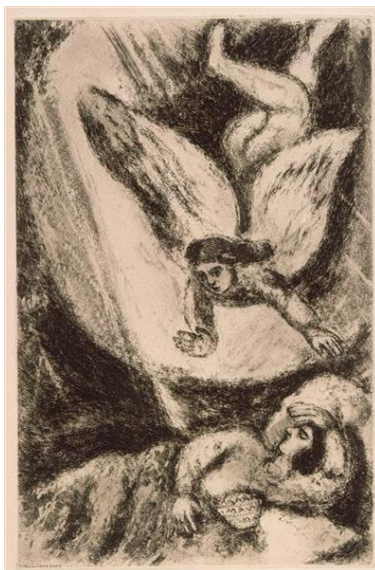
**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL  
& AFRICAN PALMS USA**

**THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 15**

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

**8:00am & 10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**



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# Welcome to St. John's Church

*We are a diverse faith community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us. We love the beauty of worship, and live into the faithful and constant commitment towards seeking social and economic justice and reconciliation among all peoples. We come from across the globe, with varied family configurations, educational backgrounds, occupations, interests, and talents and invite you to join us.*

*If you are visiting our church for the first time, please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Clergy. We have a small gift for you from the parish.*

*If you are seeking a spiritual home, please speak with the Clergy.*

*If you have questions, email us at [welcome@stjec.org](mailto:welcome@stjec.org)*



## **Please join us for Coffee and fellowship following the worship service**

If you are a guest with us today, please know that you are welcome to enjoy some fellowship, coffee, and tea with us in the Parish Hall following the service.

## **Children are welcome at all services**

If you have little worshipers with you today who might enjoy coloring, Play-Doh, or a Rubik's cube, these can be found at either entrance.

**The Nursery is open from 8am to 12pm for children age 5 and under.**

### SUNDAY @ ST. JOHN'S

8am	<i>Worship with Eucharist, no music, in the Sanctuary</i>
9am	<i>Adult Forum: Book &amp; discussion group in the undercroft Meeting Room</i>
9am	<i>Choir Rehearsal in the undercroft Choir Room – Summer Break</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall - Summer Break</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>
12-1pm	<i>Middle &amp; High School Youth Group – Summer Break</i>
12-1pm	<i>Hand Bell Choir – Summer Break</i>

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD


PRELUDE: Rondeau L'agreable

O'Meara


*The people stand.*

Opening Hymn 331

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - tery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his  
\*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,  
5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
4 though the sens - es fail to sec; faith a - lone the  
5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward

1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.

\*6 Glory let us give and blessing  
 to the Father and the Son,  
 honor, thanks, and praise addressing,  
 while eternal ages run;  
 ever too his love confessing  
 who from both with both is One.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
 People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen

## THE 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.**

8:00AM  
Gloria

BCP, pg. 356

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

10:30AM

Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**Amen.**

*People are seated.*

### **1 KINGS 2:10-12; 3:3-14**

Reader        A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart

toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## PSALM 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## **EPHESIANS 5: 15-20**

Reader      A READING FROM SAINT PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN  
EPHESUS.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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

*The People stand*

Sequence: Hymn VF60

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features a piano introduction in 3/4 time, followed by three systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piano introduction consists of a series of chords and moving lines in both hands. The first system of the vocal melody is: 1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who; 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing; 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture. The second system of the vocal melody is: danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she; in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -; all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -.

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mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the  
pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us

clears the path of jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
word takes root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.  
to be - come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

*Final Ending*

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Deacon            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Religious Leaders then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Henry P. McQueen

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

Form III BCP, pg. 387

Deacon      Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
People      **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
People      **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially  
Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe.  
People      **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
People      **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
People      **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
People      **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
People      **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
People      **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

We pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray  
especially for **Brian, Craig, Jere, Bud, Carolyn, Gemma,  
Roberta, Harry, Tim, Mary, Joseph.**

The priest offers a concluding collect.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
**People** **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.**

Celebrant 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.**

**People** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**



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ANTHEM: Carolan's Concerto

O'Meara

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, pg. 367

*The people stand*

**People**           The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**People**           Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

**People**           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and  
earth...

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:

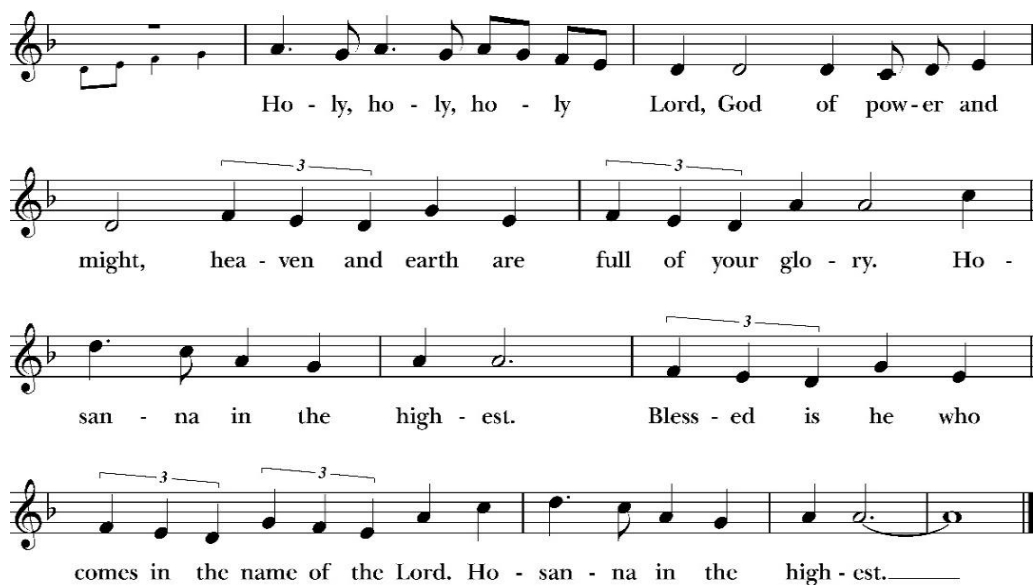
*Celebrant and People*

**8:00AM**

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

10:30AM

## Sanctus S129



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, in the language closest to our hearts, 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.**

**Vater unser im Himmel,  
geheiligt werde dein Name;  
dein Reich komme;  
dein Wille geschehe,  
wie im Himmel so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
wie auch wir vergeben unsern  
Schuldigern;  
und führe uns nicht in  
Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem  
Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die  
Kraft  
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

**8:00AM**

**People** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

10:30AM

Fraction Hymn:

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to

you will not hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,

those who trust in you will not thirst.

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## The Gifts of God for the People of God

*This is God's table; communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both kinds, bread, and wine, or in just one. To receive communion, or a blessing, please come forward to the priest at the front of the altar. To receive bread put your hands out, to receive wine, please drink from the chalice. For health reasons, we do not intinct (dip) the bread. To receive a blessing cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free host is available. Please make your needs known to the priest.*

*The people are seated*

## **Sending Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors.**

Deacon: In the name of God and this congregation, 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 and one cup.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant and people*

**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**

# Recessional Hymn: 420

When in our music God is glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! \_\_\_\_\_



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! \_\_\_\_\_



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways \_\_\_\_\_



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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## DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Engelberg

Moore

## TENDING GOD'S FLOCK

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*Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. If you wish to submit a name, please contact the office at [accounting@stjec.org](mailto:accounting@stjec.org).*

*In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

Brian Betts  
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Bud Nicholson  
Carolyn Shepherd  
Gemma  
Robert Ridenour  
Harry Brooke  
Tim Wittig  
Mary Persinger  
Joseph Sears



*The Altar Flowers are given in Memory of  
WALTER OESCH and KENNETH & EVELYN GRAHAM  
From the Oesch and Bauduy Families*

*If you are ill for an extended period, are hospitalized, need a visit or Eucharist brought to you, want your home blessed, are celebrating a birth, adoption, or want specific prayers for any number of celebrations or sorrows, please email: [pastoralcare@stjec.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjec.org).*

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### **Sunday, August 18**

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Blessing of Prayer Shawls at 8:00am and 10:30am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Casserole Club at 12:00pm

### **Sunday, August 25**

- Backpack Blessing at 8:00 and 10:30am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 8:45am
- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Forum at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Youth Choir Rehearsal at 1:00-1:30pm

### **Sunday, September 1**

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 8:45am
- Adult Forum Bible Challenge Celebration at 9:00am
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am

### **Monday, September 2**

- Guppy Gulch

### **Sunday, September 8**

- Holy Eucharist at 8:00am
- Holy Household Kick off
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30am
- Parish Picnic following the 10:30am Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CASSEROLE CLUB** Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? The Casserole Club invites you to gather with them for an informal, come-as-you-are, safe assembly of people joined by their experience of deep loss on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

**BACKPACKS** All students and adults are invited to bring their backpacks and brief cases to church on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8 or 10:30am for a special blessing for the new school year.

**PANTRY** Food Pantry needs for this week include: 8 oz. Vegetables Pudding | Chef Boyardee | Chili | Beef Stew | Canned Soups | Shelf Stable Milk.



## **GUPPY GULCH**

Church Splash Outing on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Labor Day) from 9:30am to 4:45pm at Guppy Gulch, a 15-acre freshwater reservoir with inflatable slides, climbing walls, zip line, paddleboards, and jungle-gyms for ALL to enjoy. Cost is \$27 per person, \$10 for a non-swimmer, payable to St. John's (Guppy Gulch on memo line) or through the church website. This is an ALL CHURCH outing, and friends are welcome to join the group. We have reserved only 60 spots. You must provide or arrange your own transportation to Guppy Gulch, 95 Guppy Valley, Delta, PA. See Friday's Bell Tower to sign up.

## **HOLY HOUSEHOLD**

Holy Household kicks-off on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. Holy Households is our re-invention of Sunday school. An intergenerational learning opportunity, where we explore lessons and themes that delve deeper into the Christian story and Episcopal traditions. It is intentionally designed to engage all-ages in fun, faith and learning. Intergeneration faith formation means it feeds in all directions - wisdom is passed down, experiences are passed around, perspectives are forever enlightened.



## ST. JOHN'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAMS ~ FALL 2024 ~

Music is an integral part of the worship experience at St. John's. Children are welcome in our music and are encouraged to join the K - 5 Children's Choir, Youth choir, or the Youth Handbell Choir. Musical as well as leadership goals are taught which fosters their development as worship leaders.

For more information or to sign up, please email our music director, Cambria Van de Vaarst at [music@stjec.org](mailto:music@stjec.org)

**St. John's Children's Choir** - Grades K-5 learn vocal and choral skills through singing songs that teach faith concepts and the story of God's people. Singers bring their music to Sunday worship about once a month, fostering their development as worship leaders.

### **Rehearsal begins Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- K - 2nd grade: Tue 4:30 - 5pm
- 3rd - 5th grade: Tue 5:15 - 6pm

**St. John's Youth Bells** - Grades 4 - 12 are invited to the youth bell choir where they will develop musical and worship leadership skills in this "ensemble sport"! No musical experience necessary.

### **Rehearsal begins on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 - 7:30pm**

**Youth Group Choir** - Grades 6 -12 learn singing and music skills in conjunction with Sunday afternoon youth group. Music builds on the themes and stories they are studying and allows them to develop skills as worship leaders. This group sings once a quarter following four weeks of rehearsal.

**Rehearsal begins on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1-1:30pm through September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**With a performance date of Sunday, September 22nd at the 10:30am service.**

# PARISH PICNIC



Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30am service

The annual Parish Picnic is being planned for Sunday, September 8th following the 10:30am service by the school gym/playground area. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be moved to inside the gym.

The picnic will once again be catered by Origins BBQ. This year's menu will consist of brisket, pulled pork, chicken legs/thighs, and Mac-n-Cheese along with an array of sauces. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided by St. John's. The picnic is a casual time of fellowship, games, and fun. It cost nothing to attend and everyone, family and friends are welcome to join the fun!

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