

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

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**PROPER 17**

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**8am & 10:30am**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**



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*~ CALLED BY CHRIST IN LOVE, TO LIVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION ~*

# 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.*



## **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 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 in the Parish Hall</i>
9:45am	<i>Holy Household Half-Hour, Intergenerational "Sunday school" in the Parish Hall</i>
10:30am	<i>Worship with Eucharist and choir in the Sanctuary</i>

## COME JOIN US

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### TODAY

- Youth Group Meeting

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- Guppy Gulch @ 9:30am

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- Parish Picnic

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Episcopal School Sunday
- Townhall @ 1pm Council Members Evan Glass & Dawn Luedtke

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Bishop James Visits
- Casserole Club Meeting @ 12pm
- Youth Group Meeting @ 12pm
- T'ween Club @ 2pm

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Youth Group Service Sunday @ 12pm

# HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Prelude

*The people stand.*

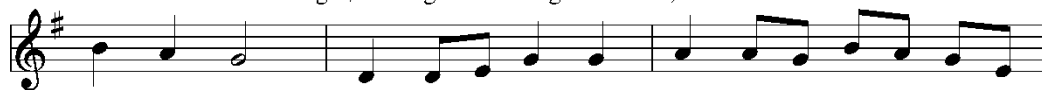
10:30AM

WLP #761

All who hunger gather gladly



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. harm., *Columbian Harmony*, 1825.

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

8AM  
**Gloria**

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**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

WLP 825 Bless the Lord my soul

Jacques Berthier

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*People*      The Lord be with you.  
                 **And also with you.**  
                 Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:  
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true  
religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit  
of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## Jeremiah 1:4-13

*Lector*      A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of  
the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?  
They did not say, "Where is the Lord  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"  
I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.  
The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.  
Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,  
and I accuse your children's children.  
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.  
Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?  
But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.  
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the Lord,  
for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**



## **Psalm 81:1, 10-16**

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

## **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*Lector* A reading from a letter written to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of

money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

*The people stand.*

**WLP #812**

I, the Lord of sea and sky

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,  
way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my

Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my

Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_  
life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you call-ing in the night. \_\_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

— if you lead me, — I will hold your peo - ple in my

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## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (14:1, 7-14)**

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Henry McQueen

*The people stand.*

## The Nicene Creed

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

*Deacon* With the Lord's encouraging words resounding in our hearts, let us frame again the prayers which linger in all human hearts, saying:  
Hear us, O Lord.

We are weary of war and threats of war. Let us pray for peace in our world, saying,  
*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

We fear for our children. Let us pray for all children, their health and well-being, saying,  
*People* **Hear us, O Lord**

We are anxious about our security. Let us pray for an end to hunger and want, saying,  
*People* **Hear us, O Lord**

We yearn for faith in an uncertain world. Let us pray for all who preach the gospel, saying,  
*People* **Hear us, O Lord**

We tremble at our own vulnerability. Let us pray for the victims of illness, accident, and disaster, saying,  
*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

We mourn for those who have died. Let us pray for those who are now in the nearer presence of our Lord, saying,  
*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

We carry worry in our hearts. Let us pray for the needs we can hardly bear to name, saying,  
*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

We pray especially for **Bob, Carol, David, Kim, Christina, Alan, Etta, Phillip, Ivy, Mary Faith, Steve, Celeste, and Mary**, and those who are on our hearts and minds, saying,

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Officiant* Loving God, our Father, you fashioned the human heart; you know the needs that make it ache. Hear us, your children, praying as your Son taught us. His is the name we invoke; his is the kingdom we await: Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon* 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.**

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 of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**



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**Anthem:** As we gather at your table

Chavez-Melo

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

Enriching Our Worship

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*   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 Celebrant continues.*

8AM

**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 128** Holy, holy, holy

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

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, dishonored 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:

*People*

**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 daughters and sons,  
that with beloved 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.**

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.**

ข้าแต่พระบิดาของข้าพเจ้าทั้งหลาย  
พระองค์สถิตในสวรรค์  
พระนามพระองค์จงเป็นที่สักการะ  
พระอาณาจักรจงมาถึง  
ขอให้ทุกสิ่งเป็นไปตามน้ำพระทัย  
ในแผ่นดินเหมือนในสวรรค์  
ขอประทานอาหารประจำวัน  
แก่ข้าพเจ้าทั้งหลายในวันนี้  
โปรดยกโทษข้าพเจ้า  
เหมือนข้าพเจ้ายกให้ผู้อื่น  
อย่าปล่อยให้ข้าพเจ้าถูการพจญ  
แต่โปรดช่วยให้พ้นภัย

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

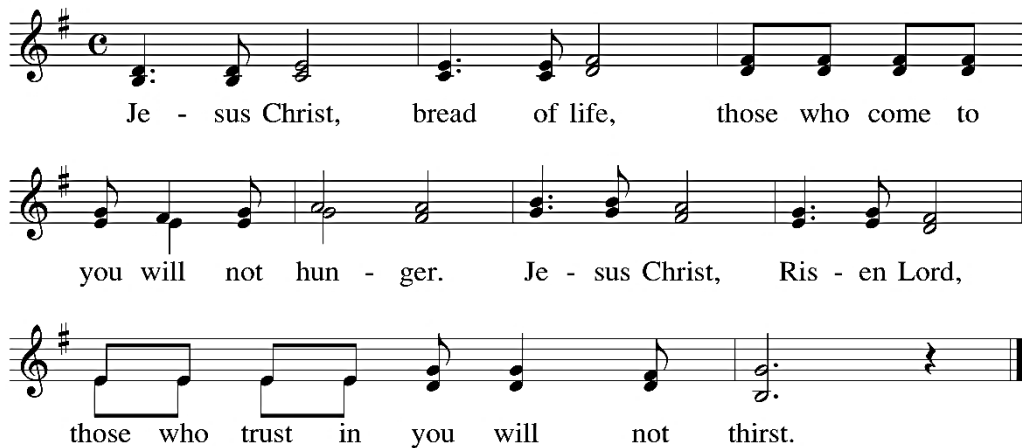
*A period of silence is kept.*

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

10:30AM

## Fraction Anthem: 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to'. The second staff continues with 'you will not hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord,'. The third staff concludes with 'those who trust in you will not thirst.' and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Text: John 6; Taizé Community  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people are seated.*

*Communion is offered to all who are called by Christ to participate. You can receive in both hands, 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 instinct (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.*

## **Sending Prayers 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**

# Hymn #344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

## **Dismissal**

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

Postlude

## 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)*

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Steve Ruff  
Celeste McGee  
Mary Persinger



*This Sunday's altar flowers are given in memory of  
my beloved husband,  
CONRAD BAILER  
by Barbara Bailer*

*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).*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **PARISH PICNIC**

Join us NEXT Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> for our annual Parish Picnic. The picnic is being catered by Origins BBQ. The menu will consist of brisket, pulled pork, chicken legs/thighs, and Mac-n-Cheese along with an array of sauces. Drinks will be provided by St. John's. It costs nothing to attend and everyone, family and friends are welcome to join the fun! Feel free to bring your own chair.

- **EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY**

Please join us on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am service for a morning of celebration of St. John's Episcopal School, the parish's largest outreach ministry; our church; and our community.

- **BISHOP JAMES ALMASI VISITS ST. JOHN'S**

Through our African Palms ministry, St. John's has enjoyed a relationship with the Diocese of Masasi in southern Tanzania since the 1970's. For the past 10 years, Bishop James Almasi, friend of many in this congregation, has served as bishop of the Diocese of Masasi. Bishop James will be visiting with us, and preaching, on Sunday, 21 September. Please join us in welcoming Bishop James.

- **HOLY HOUSEHOLD**

Holy Household, our intergenerational Sunday School officially begins on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am.in the Parish Hall. Holy Household is open to all ages for Bible study, discussions, and reflections.

- **DELEGATE NOMINATIONS**

In an effort to align ourselves with our parish by-laws, we invite nominations for Delegates to Diocesan Convention. Nominees must be current or past members of St. John's Vestry. The commitment consists of a 1- or 2-years term representing the parish at Diocesan Convention. Convention is held on the last Saturday of January, and there is also pre-convention meeting each fall. This year that meeting will be held on October 23. Nominations must be received by September 3. Voting will in-person at the parish picnic on Sunday, September 7.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Food Pantry needs for this week include: Canned Corn | Green Beans Peas | Sardines (in oil) | Canned Chili | Beef Stew | White & Red Beans Rice | Hungry Jack Syrup | Canned Chicken Breast.

Please leave donations on the bench outside the Rector's office; we are happy to stock them.



- **It's not too late...** Splash with us at GUPPY GULCH and spend a fun-soaked day on the water on Monday, September 1st (Labor Day) 9:30am to 4:45pm. \*Bring lunch for you and your family. Cost is \$27 per person, \$10 for non-swimmer. Sign-up and pay at [www.stjec.org/give](http://www.stjec.org/give).

- **MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES**

All who are called are welcome regardless of musical experience or training. Come with an open mind, heart, and a desire to create something in community with each other.

Adult Choir – (high school & up) rehearsals: Thursdays @ 6:30-8pm

Adult Bells – (high school & up) rehearsals: as needed

Youth Bells rehearsals: grades 5 - 12 Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:30pm

Children's Choir rehearsals: grades K - 2 Tuesdays @ 4:30-5pm

grades 3 - 5 Tuesdays @ 5:15-5:45pm

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