



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 3, 2025
10:00 AM

A warm welcome to all who come to worship at St. John's this beautiful day. If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better, so please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew and place in the offering plate.

There is no wrong way to worship. The people's responses are in bold and instructions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are in italics. We invite you to participate in the way that feels most comfortable and authentic to you.

Prelude

The Word of God

Hymn 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above

Sung by all.

Mit Freuden zart

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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 S280

Gloria

Sung by all.

Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Hosea 11:1-11

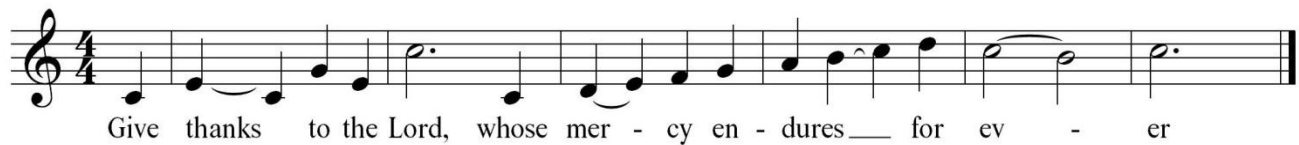
- ¹When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
²The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
⁴I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
⁶The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.
⁷My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
⁹I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.
¹⁰They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;

when he roars,
 his children shall come trembling from the west.
¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
 and like doves from the land of Assyria;
 and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43 *Antiphon will be sung by all.*



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
 and his mercy endures for ever.
²Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
 that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
³He gathered them out of the lands; *
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.
⁴Some wandered in desert wastes; *
 they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
⁵They were hungry and thirsty; *
 their spirits languished within them.
⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
 and he delivered them from their distress.
⁷He put their feet on a straight path *
 to go to a city where they might dwell.
⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
 and the wonders he does for his children.
⁹For he satisfies the thirsty *
 and fills the hungry with good things.
⁴³Whoever is wise will ponder these things, *
 and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

Antiphon

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The Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new

self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 707 verse 1

Take my life and let it be

Sung by all.

Hollingside

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”

¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn 707 verse 2

Take my life and let it be

Sung by all.

Hollingside

The Sermon

The people stand as able.

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

Celebrant Let us offer prayers to God, who knows the needs of every living creature.
Lector For Susan Haynes, our bishop and Mary Margaret, our presbyter, for this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place.

People Kyrie eleison.
Lector For the leaders of the nations, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world.
People Kyrie eleison.
Lector For farmers and a good harvest that food may reach all corners and people of the earth; for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms.

People Kyrie eleison.
Lector For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.

People Kyrie eleison.
Lector For the dying and the dead.
People Kyrie eleison.
Lector For ourselves, our families and companions, and all those we love.
People Kyrie eleison.
Lector Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People To you, O Loving God.
Celebrant All-knowing God, God of Wisdom, hear our prayers for all whose days are full of pain and give us rest from toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
The people kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.

Together 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.**

The Peace

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

The people greet each other with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we now prepare ourselves for the gift of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, both in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Here at St. John's, it is tradition that people stand as the elements are brought forward and are seated once the bread and wine are on the altar.

Offertory Anthem

Doxology

Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Sung by all.

Old 100th

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked at you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Together

Sanctus

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____
Hea-ven and earth are full _____ full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People **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 Fraction Anthem

Lindsey



Invitation to Communion

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. While we believe that it is most meaningful when done as a baptized Christian, no one will ever be turned away from God's table.

Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 people stand as able.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 529

In Christ there is no east or west

Sung by all.

McKee

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit; Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God; Alleluia, alleluia!**

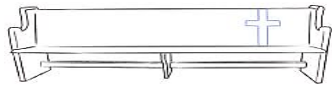
The Postlude

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NEWS FOR THE PEWS

August 3, 2025



Welcome!

We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where YOU can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, August 3	8:00 & 10:00 AM 9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum
Monday, August 4	12:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting - PH
Tuesday, August 5	5:00-9:00 PM 7:00 PM	Greater Richmond SCAN-PH AA/Al-Anon Mtg – PH-upstairs
Thursday, August 6	5:00-9:00 PM	Greater Richmond SCAN-PH
Sunday, August 10	8:00 & 10:00 AM 9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Adult Forum

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers on the retable are to the Glory of God and in celebration of the upcoming wedding of Lin Corbin-Howerton's son, Zach Howerton and Emily Zinski on August 9 in Annapolis, Md.

The **Flower Calendar for 2025** is posted in the narthex just waiting for you to select your dates for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for the coming year. Stop by and select the special dates important to you.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

1 Alda Moore	2 Rev. Sam Sheridan
5 JoAnn Maher	6 Linda Blake
7 Andy McCauley	8 Bart Burgwyn
12 Vinny Fideli	16 Chris Mueller
17 Winnie Fornash	20 Rebecca Disney
24 David Harrison, Beth Wells	
25 Christopher Keophila	26 Daniel Phoenix
30 Dorna Clark	

If our name should be included here, please call the Church office so your record can be updated.

KITCHEN CLEANUP

On Tuesday, August 5 starting at 9:00 am, there will be some major kitchen cleanup in the Parish Hall. All those that would like to participate, please bring your kitchen gloves and join in the fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

ST. JOHN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT ANNOUNCEMENT

GREAT NEWS FOR PARENTS of YOUNG CHILDREN

St. John's is excited to announce that we have hired a nursery attendant for both the 8:00 AM and the 10:00 AM Sunday services.

Please join us in welcoming Haleigh Coghill!

Haleigh is a rising high school senior with a strong passion for caring for young children. She comes from a background rooted in early childhood care-her mother is the Assistant Director of a Goddard School and Haleigh has been serving as a nursery attendant at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Petersburg.

In addition to her nursery work, Haleigh is a 4-H camp counselor where she leads and supervises children in engaging, safe and educational activities. She is CPR certified and has completed the Episcopal Church Safe Church Training.

After high school, Haleigh plans to pursue a position as a pediatric nurse or a position as an early childhood teacher.

Each week, Haleigh will be joined in the nursery by a volunteer church member, who have also received Safe Church Training. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer in the St. John's nursery, please reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret.

The nursery will officially open on Sunday, August 10th and will be available each Sunday from 7:45-11:45 AM. Those who would like to utilize this care can fill out a form for their child, which will be available on the church website, in the office, and in the nursery beginning next week. We thank you all for your continued support of this ministry!

Blessings,

Rev. Mary Margaret and Kathy Ellington, Senior Warden

OUTREACH

2026 Calendar for veterans. Seems a bit early to collect calendars for our veterans at McGuire Hospital, however, I've already received one and on Sunday I collected two that were left at the church. This blurb is just a reminder that we are off and running on our calendars for veterans campaign. Thank you. Sue Whiteman

BEULAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School supplies will be collected during August for the teachers at Beulah Elementary School. Please place supplies in the designated bin outside the Armstrong Room. Keep in mind school supplies are tax free the weekend of August 1-3. If you prefer not to shop, checks will be greatly appreciated. Please memo checks Beulah School Supplies. See Llewellyn Slayton if you have any questions. Thank you.

Items needed: Glue sticks, multi-colored construction paper, black dry erase markers, marbled composition books, 24-count crayons, tissues, gallon/quart size zipper top plastic bags, yellow highlighters, rounded point scissors, #2 pencils, colored pencils, unscented baby wipes.

PROPERTY

A service call has been placed to repair a leak in the Parish Hall dishwasher. Please do not use it until a notice of repair is posted. Thank you.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Carlene Gentry, Marianne Branigan, Tamara Evans,
Sue Whiteman, Gene Thompson, Jim Kalanges, Rita
& Billy Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una
Harrison, Linda Blake, Dr. Joe Hillier, Thomas
Gardner, Webster and Joy Maughan, Vienna Grace
Cale, The Cale Family,
The Macri Family

Those Who Serve

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio,
Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus,
Colonel Amalia DiVittorio,
Major Jeffrey Shields,
Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs,
Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and
Petty Officer 3rd Class Damien Carter,
Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

Participating in Today's Liturgy

August 3, 2025

Ministers: The People of St. John's
Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, Rector
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choir Director
Bryant Watson—Violinist
Chris Day – Live Streaming
JoAnn Maher, Security
(Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs
8:00 am – Kent Horner, Sr.
10:00 am – Don Raybould
Lectors: 8:00 am
1st Lesson –Liz Pectal
2nd Lesson – Andy McCauley
Lectors: 10:00 am
1st Lesson – Lin Corbin-Howerton
2nd Lesson – Larry Maher
A. Heggie - Acolyte
Ruby DiVittorio & Alan Thibault – Ushers
Larry Cody & Don Farr - Tellers
Valerie Paredes, Brenda Wood
and Donna Horner– Altar Guild
Valerie Paredes & Brenda Wood - Flowers

St. John's Vestry

Kathy Ellington, Senior Warden
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John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
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