



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 21, 2026 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 537

Christ for the world we sing

Sung by all.

Moscow

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

People **And blessed be God's 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 (next page)

Sung by all.

Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant *Let us pray. O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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.

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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.

The First Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86

Sung by all.



¹Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

²Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

³Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

Antiphon

⁴Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

⁶Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

Antiphon

⁷In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

⁸Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor anything like your works.

Antiphon

⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, *
and glorify your Name.

¹⁰For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

Antiphon

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 675 verses 1-3

Take up your cross the Savior

Sung by all.

Bourbon

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the twelve apostles, ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered,

proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

Sequence Hymn 675 verses 4-5

Take up your cross the Savior

Sung by all.

Bourbon

The people are seated.

The Sermon

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 Children of God, praise the Lord! Our God is faithful and hears our prayers, so let us pray, “In your great mercy, O God, *answer us with your unfailing help.*”
- Intercessor To the baptized, O God, grant newness of life. Strengthen us to follow in the footsteps of your Son. *Silence* In your great mercy, O God,
- People Answer us with your unfailing help.**
- Intercessor To the nations of earth, O God of hosts, grant freedom and peace. Deliver the lives of the needy from the hands of evildoers. *Silence* In your great mercy, O God,
- People Answer us with your unfailing help.**
- Intercessor To your created order, O God, grant your help. May the waters, soil, and air be made clean and healthy again. We give you thanks for this abundant life and for those blessings which we name silently or aloud. *Pause.* In your great mercy, O God,
- People Answer us with your unfailing help.**
- Intercessor To this city, O God, grant your deliverance. Set us free from violence and destruction. Make safe our streets. *Silence* In your great mercy, O God,
- People Answer us with your unfailing help.**
- Intercessor To all fathers, O God, grant wisdom in the many ways of fathering. Bless their love, their nurture, and their strength. May all those who struggle with this day find comfort in your goodness. Give to all children someone to father them in the way that you father us. *Silence.* In your great mercy, O God,
- People Answer us with your unfailing help.**
- Intercessor To those who feel the deep about to swallow them, O God, grant your salvation. In your great compassion, turn to all those in need. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we name silently or aloud. *Pause.* In your great mercy, O God,
- People Answer us with your unfailing help.**
- Intercessor To the dead, O God, grant life eternal with Christ. May all those who have been baptized into the death of Christ be united with him in his resurrection. *Silence* In your great mercy, O God,
- People Answer us with your unfailing help.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Deacon 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

Deacon 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, confessed our sins, 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

Laudate Dominum

Sherrri Porterfield

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Together



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 Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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:

Together **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. 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 our saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

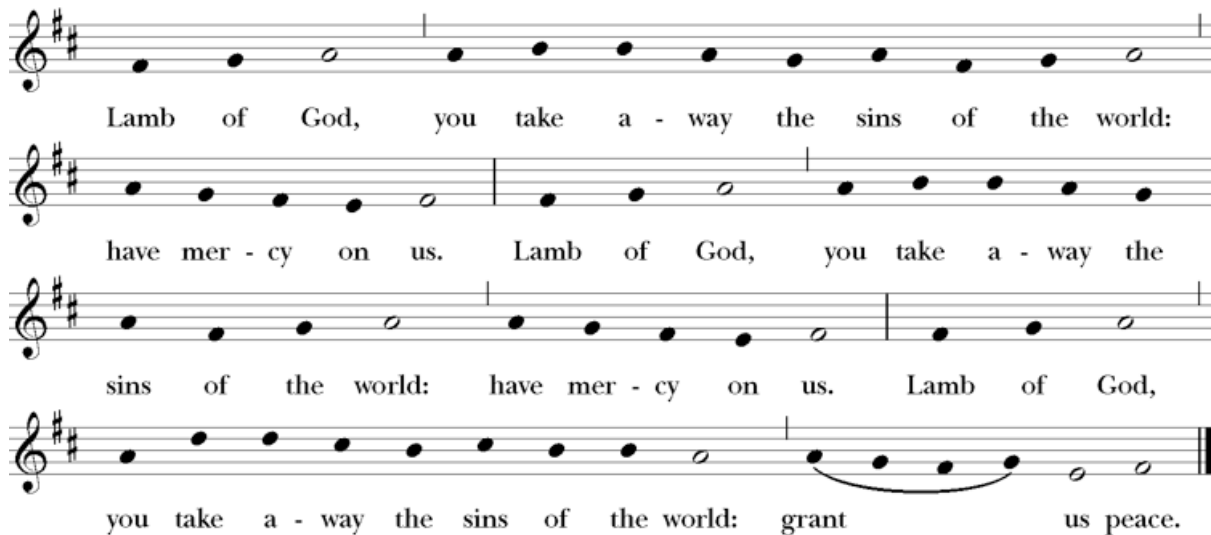
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

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



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

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 523

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Sung by all.

Abbot's Leigh

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

The Postlude

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NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Events, Announcements, Calendar, and Prayers for St. John's and Beyond *June 21, 2026*

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, you are beloved in this family. Take a look at all the ways the Spirit is moving at St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S WELCOMES THE MASONS

Members of the Masonic Lodge (our next-door neighbors!) will be joining us for worship on **Sunday, June 28th** at the 10 AM service. During announcements, we will hear about their work and fellowship. Following the service, the Masons will host coffee hour in their space—make sure to come!

CELEBRATING 250 CONCERT

The St. John's Choir will perform a patriotic concert on **Sunday, July 5th** celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country. All are invited to enjoy this beautiful music at 9:40 AM in the Nave.

KIDS & FAMILY POOL PARTY

Join us for a pool party on **Saturday, July 11th at 11 AM!** We will have snacks and pizza for families with children elementary school age and below.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Each Sunday following the 10:00 am service, we will have coffee and lemonade at our Fellowship Coffee Hour. It would be great to have members of the church sign up to provide snacks on some Sundays to complement the beverages. There will be sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall just waiting for you to volunteer. June is still available. Nothing elaborate is expected! Whatever you decide to provide will be most appreciated. Thank you, Pat Dvorak, Fellowship Hostess

OUTREACH

Outreach continues to collect hygiene products for Chesterfield school children who are homeless. **Current requests: deodorant and black leggings, but all donations are welcomed.** Drop off in the office lobby.

ORGAN INSTALLATION COMING ALONG

Take a peek in the choir loft and you will see major progress on the organ! The work is both meticulous and back-breaking, so we continue to ask your prayers over all those doing this important work. We are confident that St. John's will soon have a beautifully-restored organ!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

To fathers of all kinds, thank you for your love and wisdom. We salute and celebrate you today!

FEED MORE FOOD

Chester UMC once again invites St. John's to join in the upcoming Feed More Food Distribution Event on **July 17th**. Here's the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAF2CAAF5C16-64455508-july#/>



FAMILY TIME WORSHIP

Due to scheduling conflicts and holidays, Family Time Worship will take a break in June and July. We will be **back on August 1st!**

ALTAR GUILD

The flowers today are to the Glory in honor of Don and Becky Farr on their 58th wedding anniversary.

The 2026 Flower Calendar is now posted in the narthex just waiting for you to select your dates for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for the coming year. Our recommended donation is \$50. Stop by and select the special dates important to you. Thank you.



We can't do this without your help!
Scan this QR code with your smart phone to make a donation to St. John's.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please call the church office with any changes or additions for the prayer list.

June Birthdays

1 Gabby Bergeret 3 Susan Powell, Joe Blankenship
4 Eric Moehring 6 Lauren Clark
7 Amy Clark, Peggy Wintzer 9 Craig Buckner
8 Diane Keller, Aspen Heggie 12 Denise Doyle
17 Mac Winn Sheridan 18 Marina Jean Mueller
19 Christey Gillespie, Alan Thibault
24 Llewellyn Slayton 25 Cheryl Harwell
27 Val Miser 29 Billy Johnson

Those in Need of Healing

Colleen Gentry, Dick Pittman, Linda DeBell, Tim Pahlick, Annette Blankenship, James Robinson, Steve Oeffinger, Arlene Lotti, George Starke, William (Bill) Fields, Jim Colonna, Fr. Keith Gentry, Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prophett, Cathy Frazer, Marguerite Alley, Britt Young & Family, Marianne Branigan, Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson, Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison, Joy Maughan, The Macri Family, Martha & Joe Sheridan, The Sweeney Family

Those Who Serve

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

Those Who Have Recently Died

Gene Furness (Jim Colonna's brother)
Missely Curitomay
Michael Likavec

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

St. John's Vestry

Kim Courington, Senior Warden
Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)
John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)
Catherine Mueller, Congregational Vitality
Don Raybould, Liaison for Parish Life

Hazel Sloane, Register
Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE 14, 2026

The People of St. John's
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choirmaster
Bryant Watson, Violinist
Michael Phaup, Cantor
Chris Day, Live Streaming
John Maxwell, 8 AM Inside Security
Alan Thibault, 10 AM Inside Security
John Maxwell, 10 AM Outside Security
Kim Courington, 8 AM LEM
Lin Corbin-Howerton, 10 AM LEM
Denise Doyle & Liz Pectal, 8 AM Readers
Lin Corbin-Howerton & Ruby DiVittorio, 10 AM Readers
Leshem Peiris, Acolyte
Pat & Hank Dvorak, Ushers
Dick Pitman & Don Farr, Tellers
Brenda Wood, Valerie Miser, Becky Farr
& Donna Horner, Altar Guild
Tamara Evans, Flowers
Rev. Allison Pace, 10 AM Deacon
Rev. Mary Margaret, Celebrant

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun., June 21	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour
Mon., June 22	11:00 AM	Celebration of Life for Michael Likavec
	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., June 23	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wed., June 24	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sat., June 27	10:00 AM	Daughters of the King
Sun., June 28	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour