



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 12, 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 594

God of grace and God of glory

Sung by all.

Cum Rhondda

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 O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Hymn S280

Sung by all.

Powell

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 25:19-34

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way,

why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112

Read by alternating sides of the church.

¹⁰⁵Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶**I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.**

¹⁰⁷I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸**Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.**

¹⁰⁹My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰**The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

¹¹¹Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹²**I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 516 verses 1 & 2

Come down, O love divine

Sung by all.

Down Ampney

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

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

¹Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Sequence Hymn 516 verse 3

Come down, O love divine

Sung by all.

Down Ampney

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

Deacon Sisters and brothers, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. By that same Spirit let us pray, saying, “Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, and teach us your judgments.”

Intercessor Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. Cause your word to grow in our hearts and bear an abundance of fruit. *Silence*
Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People And teach us your judgments.

Intercessor God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we recognize that we are created by your will and are all members of one human family. *Silence* Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People And teach us your judgments.

Intercessor God of the harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, that all people may have enough to eat. We give special thanks for those things which we name silently or aloud. *Silence*
Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor Caring God, we are deeply troubled by the gun violence in our city, state, and country. May all who set their minds on death, even now, be converted to the Spirit of life and peace. *Silence* Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and sick, according to your word. Speak joy into the hearts of the sorrowful. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we name silently or aloud. *Silence* Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

Intercessor Eternal God, you preserve all who are in Christ Jesus from condemnation. By the resurrection of your Son we trust, that in the fullness of time, you will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in us. We pray for all who have died. *Silence* Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,

People **And teach us your judgments.**

The deacon 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.

Announcements

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

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.

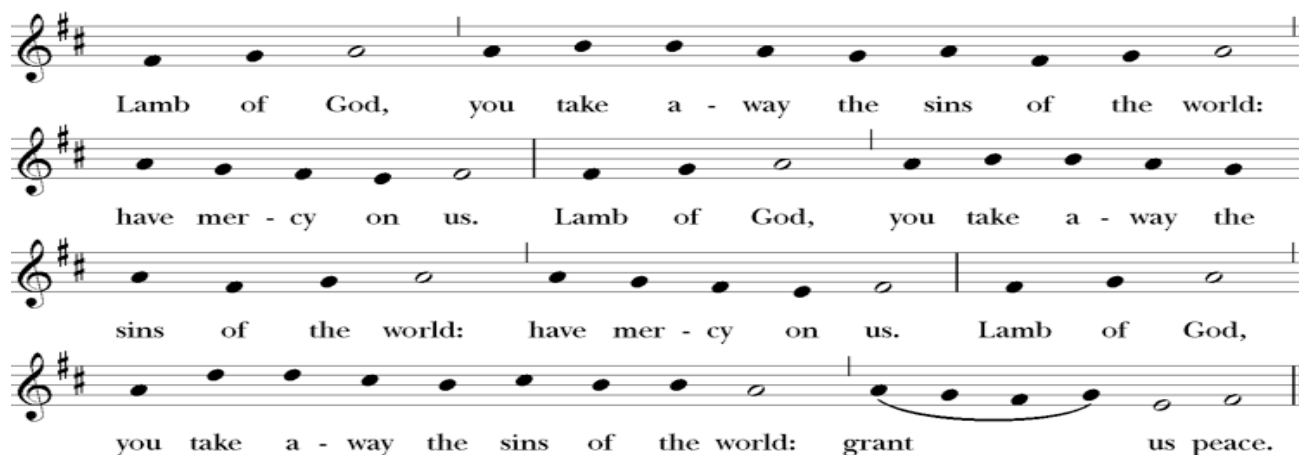
People **AMEN.**

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



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 541

Come, labor on

Sung by all.

Ora Labora

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 *July 12, 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.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Lemonade, coffee and conversation will be provided in the Parish Hall after the 10 o'clock service during July and August to replace the usual Coffee Hour. Birthday Sunday will continue as always. Hopefully, you will enjoy this small change.
Pat Dvorak, Parish Life

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!

MUSIC TODAY

Our choir is on a well-deserved break for two weeks and will return on Sunday, July 26. They will be counting on the congregation to sing the hymns with vigor in their absence!

Aubrey Lindsey is attending the annual music workshop at the University of the South and Doug Burt is our substitute for July 12 and 19. Thank you, Doug!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign this year to assist the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield. If you have not returned your filled baby bottle with loose change, cash or a check, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you, Nancy Fast.

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 flower arrangement on the retablo today is to the Glory of God in loving memory of Alfred Kloman Day, Jr.

Are you a flower fanatic looking for an opportunity to showcase your talent for flower arranging? We are currently expanding our five-person flower team and would love your assistance. Please contact Val Paredes (804-748-4012) if you are interested in learning more.

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.



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.

July Birthdays

2 Andrew Day **3** Jim Colonna
4 Chris Day, Jim Puckett, Barbara Fischer
5 Coleman Mueller **6** Becky Farr
8 Jen Fideli **10** Margaret Twilley,
Herb Marsh, Bernie Lotti
12 Erin Daugharthy
13 Tamara Evans **15** Larry Maher
16 Joseph Smythe, Phillipa Smith, Floyd Jarvis
18 Brenda Wood **20** Jay Ellington
24 Donna Neely **26** Arlene Lotti
31 Vivian Burgwyn, Val Paredes

Those in Need of Healing

Fr. Keith and Carlene Gentry, Kim Gentry,
Dick Pittman, Linda DeBell, Tim Pahlick,
Annette Blankenship, James Robinson, Steve
Oeffinger, Arlene Lotti, George Starke,
William (Bill) Fields, Jim Colonna, Jaydon Robinson,
Jordyn Prohett, 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)
Michael Likavec

Parishioners @ Home

Maggi Twilley, Julie Johnson,
Sandy Weillbacher, 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 JULY 12, 2026

The People of St. John's
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Choirmaster
Bryant Watson, Violinist
Carlton Smith Live Streaming
Chris Mueller, 8 AM Inside Security
Hank Dvorak, 10 AM Inside Security
Chris Mueller, 10 AM Outside Security
Kent Horner, Sr., 8 AM LEM
Sadie Morgan, 10 AM LEM
Bryan & Paula Saddler, 8 AM Readers
Ruby DiVittorio & Kent Horner, 10 AM Readers
Olga & Howard Twilley, Ushers
Kitty Wells & Paul Murman, Tellers
Claire Marsh, Valerie Miser, Donna Horner
– Altar Guild
Terry Fields, Flowers
Rev. Allison Pace, 10 AM Deacon
Rev. Mary Margaret, Celebrant

CONTACT US

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun., July 12	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., July 13	12:00 PM	Kiwanis Meeting
	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tues., July 14	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wed., July 15	7:30 PM	NO Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., July 16	6:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
Sat., July 18	10:00 AM	Altar Guild Meeting
Sun., July 19	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