

St. John's Episcopal Church

Tallahassee, Florida

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:00 AM



Deep Roots. True Belonging. Abundant Grace.

This summer, we are worshipping in Alfriend Hall
while the ceiling of our historic sanctuary is being restored.

Though the setting is different, the heart of our worship remains the same.
We are glad you are here, and we invite you to settle in, lift your voice,
and join us in the joyful work of praising God together.

Tower Bells

Voluntary..... Prelude No. 9 in E Major, BWV 854 J. S. Bach

Opening Procession

All stand as they are able.



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
* 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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.*

The Song of Praise

Sung first by the choir, then twice by all.



The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant says

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.*

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. *[Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23]*

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

Psalm 49:1-11 *(Prayed responsively by half verse)*

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
 though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
 they are like the beasts that perish.

A Reading from the letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

[Colossians 3:1-11]

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

Sequence Hymn

All stand as they are able.

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
 People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And 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." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then 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. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But 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?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." [Luke 12:13-21]

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

Children's Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather before the altar for a blessing before processing to Children's Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All stand as they are able. The Celebrant and the People say

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 worshipped 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 *(Remain standing)*

At the end of each petition

Leader Great and holy God,
People incline your ear to us.

The Celebrant adds the following Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin *(Remain standing)*

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Priest, stands and says

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.

Announcements

Offertory

Your gift in support of St. John's makes all the difference. Give via the offering plate; or text STJOHNS to 73256; or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32301. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church you love.



Offertory Anthem *The promised land* arr. Paul Keene

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

Refrain: I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land; oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

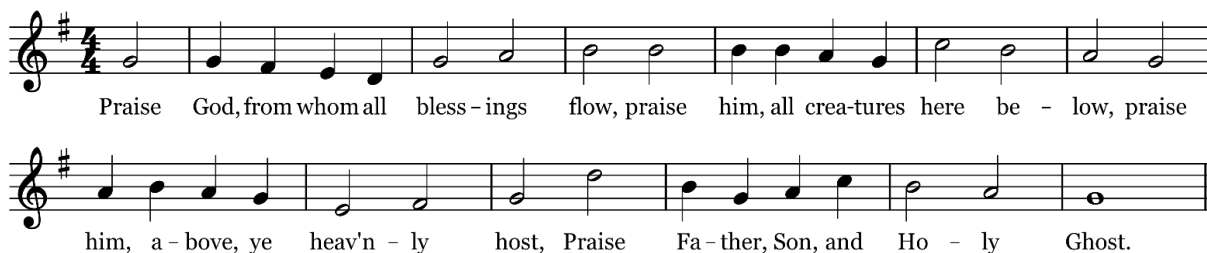
Oh, the transporting rapt'rous scene that rises to my sight!
Sweet fields arrayed in living green, and rivers of delight. *Refrain*

Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay!
Though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away. *Refrain*

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1758

Presentation of the Gifts

All stand as they are able.



The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer 2 *from Enriching Our Worship*

The People remain standing. The Celebrant says to the people

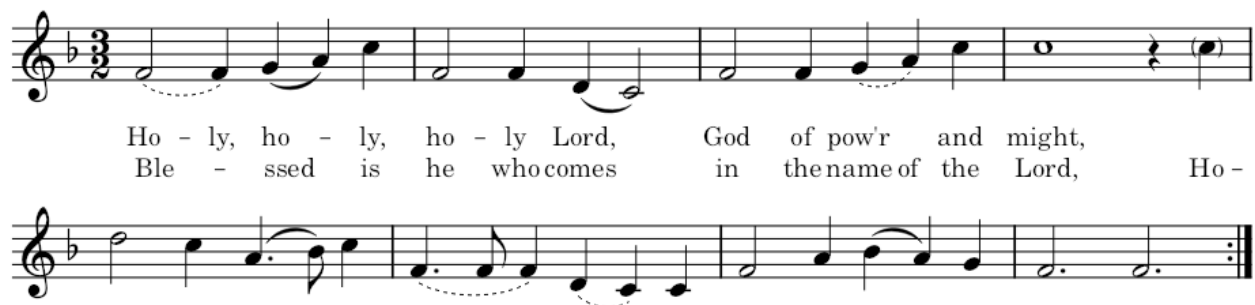
	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.

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

Then the Celebrant continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ble - ssed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.
sa - nna in the high - est, Ho - sa - nna in the high - est.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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:

Celebrant and people

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

The Celebrant continues

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

During our time in Alfriend Hall, Communion will be served at standing stations. All baptized Christians—regardless of age or denominational affiliation—are welcome to receive.

1 Wait for guidance from the ushers.

At the appropriate time, an usher will invite the people in your row to rise and join the center aisle to come forward.



2 Receive the Bread.

There is no Communion rail in Alfriend Hall. Instead, the priest will stand in front of the altar to give you the Bread. Extend your hands with palms open and facing up. You may consume the Bread immediately or wait to have it dipped in the Wine.



3 Receive the Wine.

After receiving the Bread, turn toward the side where you are seated. A Eucharistic Minister will offer you the Wine. You may either sip directly from the chalice or allow the minister to dip the Bread and return it to you.

4 Return to your seat.

Make your way back to your seat, sing with the congregation, or offer your silent prayers to God.

If you are unbaptized or would prefer not to receive Communion for any reason, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. If you need Communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

Communion Hymns Father, we thank thee who hast planted
 Come down, O love divine
 Sing praise to God who reigns above

The Postcommunion Prayer *from Enriching Our Worship*

After all have received Communion, all stand as they are able, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and with one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. 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, one cup.

The Blessing

The Priest may bless the people.

Closing Procession



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an-cient Church's sto-ry; bring her bud to glo-rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal-va-tion be our glo-ry ev-er-more.

Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, for the fac-ing of this
 grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, for the liv-ing of these
 Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, lest we miss thy king-dom's
 Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, serv-ing thee whom we a-

hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv-ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
 dore, serv-ing thee whom we a-dore.

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

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

People

Voluntary..... Improvisation on *Cwm Rhondda*



St. John's Chimes

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | August 3, 2025

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers:

Diana Daktere, Paul Sawyer, Fernando, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, William Irvine, Michael, Jake Roger, Donna Phelps, Anthony Smith, Mathew Henderson

The Departed:

Sonia Sanchez, Jacki Wilkinson, William Stafford, Jr., George Lewis II

Our Clergy:

The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector;
The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian

COMING SOON

"BACH" to School Sunday - 8/10


Join us for St. John's annual "BACH" to School Sunday on August 10 at the 10 AM service. We'll bless backpacks for the new school year, hand out special backpack tags, and enjoy beautiful music throughout the service, performed by faculty from the Bach Parley String Academy.

Whether you're a teacher or student, all are welcome!

Sunday School Open House - 8/24

Let's kick off a new year of faith and fellowship for all ages at our Sunday School Open House Sunday, 11:30 AM, August 24. Meet our wonderful teachers, explore classrooms, and get a sneak peek at the exciting programs ahead. Children and parents can head to the Children's Sunday School rooms upstairs, youth and parents head downstairs to the Youth Room, and adults to Killeen Hall. Whether you're new or returning, come discover how you can grow with us this year!

SAVE THE DATE

SAT 8/9	Youth Tubing Trip 9 AM - 4 PM Ichetucknee River saint-john.org/tubingtrip2025	
THUR 8/21	Clergy-Led Prayer Meeting for our LGBTQIA+ Community 5:30 PM Carter Chapel	
SUN 9/7	Sung Compline Begins 7:30 PM	

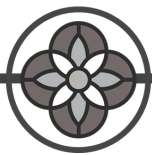
Pastoral Care Person of the Day

Today's Pastoral Care Person of the Day:

8 AM: Jane Menton, Killeen Hall

10 AM: Susan Jones, Nursery

Contact us: pastoralcare@saint-john.org or
call (850) 222-2636 ext. 33



Highlights

YOUTH

Youth Tubing Trip

SATURDAY | AUGUST 9

ALL DAY

Our Youth are heading to the Ichetucknee River for a tubing trip to wrap up the summer—open to all rising 6–12 graders and friends! We'll meet at the church at 8 AM for the day-long adventure; the \$20 fee covers tubing and lunch.



SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFO:

saint-john.org/tubingtrip2025

St. John's
Lively Café

WEEKLY CAFE MENU

saint-john.org/livelycafe



DIOCESAN LIFE

Small Groups 2025-26

Looking for connection and community? Small Groups at St. John's meet monthly for conversation, prayer, and spiritual reflection. With 8–12 people per group, it's a great way to grow in faith and friendship. Sign up today!

SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFO:

saint-john.org/smallgroups2025-26



Diocesan Nominations & Elections

Nominations are now open for Diocesan leadership roles, and all are encouraged to prayerfully discern their call to serve. Open positions include Clergy and Lay representatives for Diocesan Council, members of the Disciplinary Board, and the Standing Committee. These groups play a vital role in the governance, guidance, and accountability of our Diocese. Head to the Diocesan website for more information.

SCAN OR VISIT FOR MORE INFO:

diocesefl.org/2025-convention-nominations



St. John's Online Shop

You asked: we delivered! St. John's apparel featuring our Vision Statement is now available in our online shop. Explore a variety of designs, great t-shirt colors, accessories, and more—including options with our church logo.

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saint-john.org/shop



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11:30 AM Fr. Lonnie's Book Study	7:30 9M Centering Prayer	11:30 AM The Knitters	12:10 PM Healing Service	12 PM The Good Book	12 PM Friday Book Study	8 AM Youth Tubing Trip

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This grid highlights some of the ways to get involved in life at St. John's. For event details, and weekly worship times, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or visit saint-john.org/events

