15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10 a.m. 21 September 2025

We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.

Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

"BCP" refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### **Tower Bells**

Voluntary ...... Praeludium in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

#### Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult (Stand) ...... Hymn 550

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

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

#### Song of Praise ...... Hymn S 236

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Amos

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. [Amos 8:4-7]

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

#### Psalm 113 Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Thomas Attwood

- 1 Hallelujah!
  Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \*
  praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \* from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \* let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, \* and his glory above the heavens.
- Who is like the Lord our God,who sits enthroned on high \*but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \* and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, \* with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house \* to be a joyful mother of children.

# A Reading from the first letter to Timothy

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. [1 Timothy 2:1-7]

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

God himself is with us (Stand)......Hymn 475

# The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him. 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." [Luke 16:1-13]

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

# Children's Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children's Chapel.

#### The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand) ......BCP 358

#### The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

We bless your name, O Lord, Leader from this time forth forevermore. People

**The Collect for the Diocese** (Remain kneeling)

The Confession & Absolution (Remain kneeling)..... BCP 360 The Peace...... BCP 360

**Announcements** 

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....Let this mind be in you Lee Hoiby

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)...... Hymn 397, v.3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven. eternal Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer A ......BCP 361 The Lord's Prayer..... BCP 364 Fraction (Sung by all)......Hymn S 154

#### Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John's. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Hymns ...... 309, 321, 605 The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel) ......BCP 365

#### **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.

We who are many are one body, because we all People

share one bread, one cup.

#### The Blessing

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Stand)........... Hymn 390 The Dismissal ......BCP 366 Voluntary..... Every Time I Feel the Spirit Adolphus Hailstork

#### **Tower Bells**

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William Paul Sawyer.

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#### Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

# **Hearing System**

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or "t" telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

# **Large Print Bulletins**

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept amd north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

#### **Altar Flower Dedications**

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John's website or contact the church office for assistance.

# **Weekly Services**

## **SUNDAY**

8:00 a.mHoly Eucharist (Rite I)Sanctuary
10:00 a.mHoly Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary service is livestreamed
7:30 p.mSung ComplineSanctuary
WEDNESDAY
12:10 p.m Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Chapel with Healing Prayer
5:30 p.mEvensongChapel

# **Parish Prayer List**

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

Prayers: Diana Daktere, Fernando, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, Donna Phelps, Richard, Elizabeth, Arthur Ozolins, Linda, Bets, Bob, David Watson, Alison, Lillian Kenison, Melissa Devereaux

The Departed: Paul Sawyer, Ginny Smoller

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