

13th Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. 23 August 2026

*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

VoluntaryPrelude in C Major, BuxWV 136
Dieterich Buxtehude

When morning gilds the skies (Stand)..... Hymn 427

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 Come, all you people

Uyai Mose

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker! (3 times)
Come now and worship the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

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

The Celebrant continues

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered
together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your
power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the
Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the
quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called
him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will
comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make
her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice
of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for
a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the
peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation
has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands
wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the
heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will
vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and
those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be
for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended. [Isaiah 51:1-6]

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

Psalm 138 (Prayed responsively by half verse)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the
mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the
will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not
to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to
think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of
faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many
members, and not all the members have the same function, so
we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we
are members one of another. We have gifts that differ
according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to
faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the
exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in
diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. [Romans 12:1-8]

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

Lord, you give the great commission (Stand)... Hymn 528

Sung to the tune Abbot’s Leigh, hymn 379

The Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he
asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah,
and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to
them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus
answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh
and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.
And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will
give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose
on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the
disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

[Matthew 16:13-20]

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

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

Leader Our help is in your name, O Lord;
People deal well with us.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Confession & Absolution..... BCP 360

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory..... *Tu es petrus*
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

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 380, v.3

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.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Sanctus (Sung by all).....Land of Rest



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 Lord’s Prayer..... BCP 364

Fraction (Sung by all)

Sung three times



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us. Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Hymns..... 304, 306, 334

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.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Glorious things of thee are spoken (Stand)Hymn 522

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary.....Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174
Dieterich Buxtehude

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in grateful appreciation for the ministry of Deacon Joe & Mrs. Cheryl Bakker; by Dina Foster in thanksgiving for Skip Foster on our 35th wedding anniversary and his 60th birthday; by Erik and Melanie Salsgiver in memory of Melanie’s Mother, Gail Wakefield’s birthday; and by Helen Haines in memory of Mildred Garner Chapman, her great aunt.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.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		
7:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Rite I)	Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Rite II)	Sanctuary
service is livestreamed		
WEDNESDAY		
12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (Rite II)	Chapel
with Healing Prayer		

Parish Prayer List

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

Prayers: Charley, Ray, Maryann, Edith, Zannah Lyle, Michael Gillman, Jimbo, Ira Gay

The Departed: Kirk Headley-Perdue

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; The Rev. Joe Bakker, The Rev. Pierce Withers, Deacons; Michael Stewart-Meza, Postulant for Holy Orders