24th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 8 November 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

Voluntary .....**Andante** (Organ Sonata) Op. 65, No. 6
Felix Mendelssohn

Jesus lives! thy terrors now *(Stand)*..... **Hymn 195**

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Chapel *(9:00 a.m. only)*

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 Amos

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. *[Amos 5:18-24]*

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

Psalm 70

Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by George A. Macfarren

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my
misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and
gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

A Reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. *[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18]*

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

Rejoice, rejoice believers *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 68**

The Gospel

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." *[Matthew 25:1-13]*

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 You are our help and our deliverance:
People come quickly, Lord.

The Presider offers a concluding collect.

The Confession & Absolution ..... **BCP 360**

The Peace ..... **BCP 360**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory ..... ***My Lord, what a morning***
Traditional Spiritual

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 432, v.4**

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer A ..... **BCP 361**

The Sanctus *(Sung by all)* ..... **Hymn S 125**

The Lord's Prayer ..... **BCP 364**

Fraction *(Sung by all)* ..... **Hymn S 154**

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 **324, 620, 328**

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

Lift up your heads *(Stand)* ..... **Hymn 436**

The Dismissal ..... **BCP 366**

Voluntary ..... **Toccata and Fugue in B-flat** P.470
Johann Pachelbel

Tower Bells

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 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 and 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

9:00 a.m. ..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Sanctuary
service is livestreamed

11:15 a.m. ..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. ..... Sung Compline ..... Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. ..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel
with Healing Prayer

5:30 p.m. ..... Evensong ..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

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

Prayers: Ray, Maryan, Rick & Kathy, Jim, Michael Gillman, Jeff, Liska Langston, Josh, Joan & family, Mary & Cliff, Christina Posillico & family , Catherine Vandercreek, Aiswa, Jack, Phil, Kevin Harms

The Departed: John H. Smith, Bettie Bedell, Earle Perkins

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Ven. Jeanie Beyer, Archdeacon; The Rev. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian; Michael Stewart-Meza, Jonathan Jackson, Postulants for Holy Orders