

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

To know and love God as He is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, to bring others to His saving love, and to serve the world in His name.



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

(Established 1836)
Flat Rock, North Carolina

Welcome and Reminders

We welcome you warmly to St. John in the Wilderness and invite you to share in our songs, prayers, and eucharistic feast. If you do not have a church family at this time, then we invite you to join in this fellowship of faith as we share life together as the Body of Christ. While we are broken and incomplete in many ways, we find God making us whole through this parish community. Fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate or talk to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy to learn more about St. John. It is wonderful to be with you today!

Reminders for Worship

- We are asking everyone to wear a mask in Sunday worship at least through September 19, and we encourage mask wearing for other indoor church activities.
- If you find out that you have COVID-19 and that you might have brought it to this service, please call the church office and ask for the Rector.
- You will find hand-sanitizer in the pews and with the ushers. Please use it after the Peace and before receiving Communion.
- Please participate in the service by singing and praying with us. At the time of the Peace, please take a few moments to leave your pew and greet others in the name of our Lord.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: Two Preludes on "Lobe den Herren"

Johann Walther and Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and Announcements

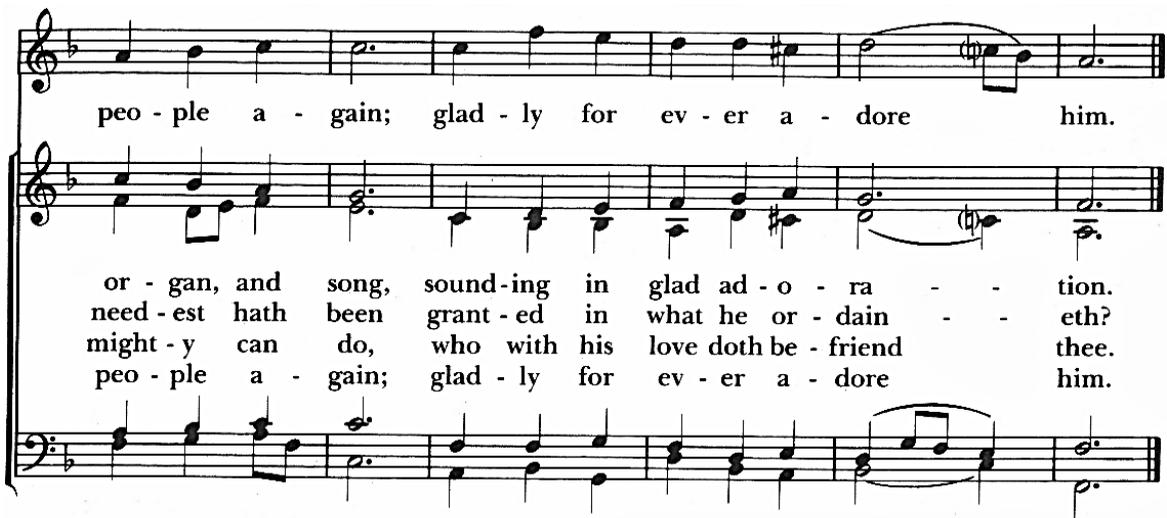
Entrance Hymn: No. 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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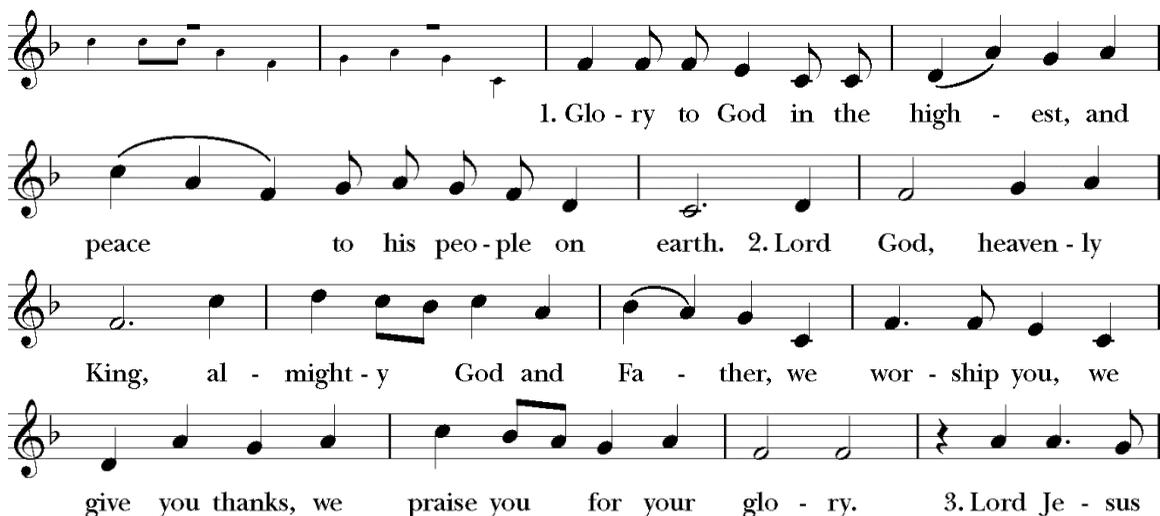
Acclamation and Response

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

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

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.

Gloria *Hymnal S-280*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y 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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.

People Amen.

First Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Simplified Anglican Chant

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse at 8:45 and chanted at 11:00.

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the **WICKED**, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the **SCORNFUL!**

2 Their delight is in the law of the **LORD**, *
and they meditate on his law day and **NIGHT**.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not **WITHER**; *

everything they do shall **PROSPER**.

4 It is not so with the **WICKED**; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows a**WAY**.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment **COMES**, *

nor the sinner in the council of the **RIGHTEOUS**.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the **RIGHTEOUS**, *

but the way of the wicked is **DOOMED**.

Second Lesson: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: No. 480 When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.

Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
 Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
 Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!

like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
 thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
 Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Josh Stephens

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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Lord, have mercy.'

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found
without fault at the day of your coming; and for the mission of the Church, that in
faithful witness we may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O
Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and
that all may be one as you and the Father are one; for those who do not yet believe, and
for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray
to you, O Lord.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for José, our Bishop, for Josh, our Rector, for Sandy,
our Deacon, for our vestry and staff, and for the ministry of each of us, we pray to you, O
Lord.

For the peace of the world, especially for the people of Afghanistan, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our President, and Roy, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community. For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, especially the people of Haiti and the Gulf Coast; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present and for those who are absent; for our families, friends, and neighbors. We pray for Vanessa, Joanne, Tom, Eleanor, Steve, Trip, Susie and Rosie, John, Katherine, Arnold, Lois, Dave and Nancy, Kristi, Mary, Marci, Mackenzie, Pete, Turner, JoAnn, Rebecca, John, Deborah, and Caroline. Are there others? That being freed from anxiety and sickness, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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,**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 your 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant continues

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers immediately begin releasing the congregation to share in the Eucharistic feast. We are not drinking from the chalice or practicing intinction, but the chalice will be presented to you visually and verbally. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn: No. 482 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Slane



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors respond with the names of those to whom they will go.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth 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 share one bread and one cup.

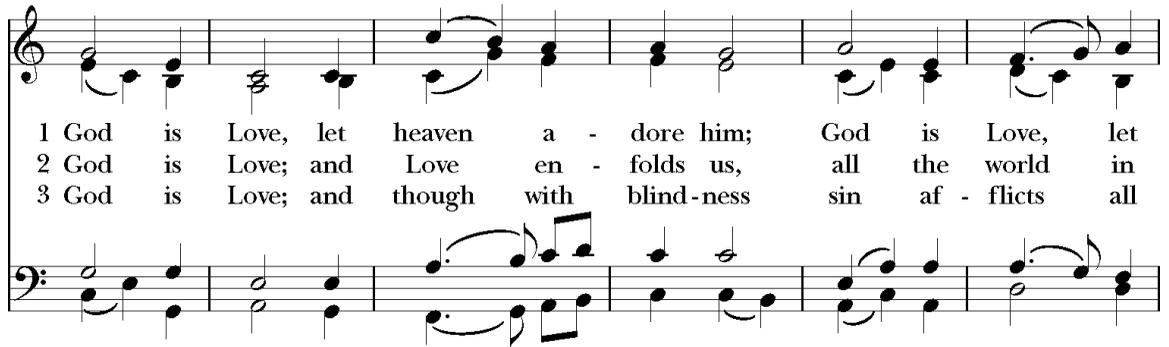
After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

Blessing



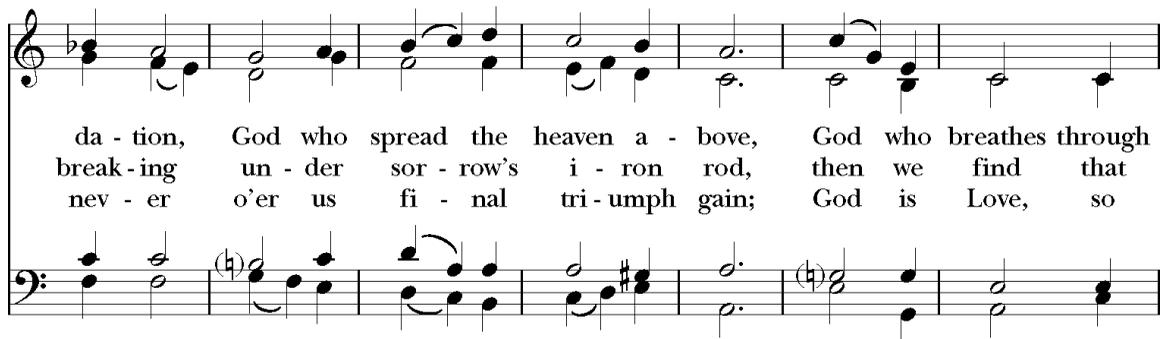
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Prelude in C major

Franciszek Walczyński

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Prayers of the People is that part of our liturgy which offers particular intercessions and thanksgivings to God. **Worshippers, wherever they are in the church, are encouraged to offer aloud or silently their own such prayers during the appropriate part of the Prayers of the People.** As we pray, please remember **those who are ill or with other needs:**

Vanessa Wittman, Joanne Adams, Tom Joiner, Eleanor Flowers, Steve Sullivan, Trip Mildren, Susie and Rosie, John Hayes, Katherine Gee, Arnold Smith, Lois Karcher, Dave and Nancy VonHolle, Kristi, Mary McCarty, Marci Plati, Mackenzie Nosra, Pete Petersen, Turner Fabian, JoAnn Ebbs, Rebecca Gruver, John Gulbrandsen, Deborah Tindal, and Caroline Fowler.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sarah I'on Lowndes Davis, Alice Davis Burke, and James O. Burke* by Henry Burke and family.

PRAYER LIST REMINDER: Just a reminder that the Sunday prayer list will be updated at the end of September. On Sunday, October 3, the list will be comprised of only the names that were submitted since September 1.

TO OUR VISITORS! We welcome you with all our hearts! You are also invited to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing or the Sacrament. All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive Communion, including infants and children. If you are not baptized, please come forward and kneel at the altar while crossing your arms over your chest to receive a special blessing, and we invite you to talk to the priest at any time about entering discernment for being baptized. Won't you join with Christ and his Church on this journey of faith?

If you do not have a church home at this time, then we hope you will make St. John in the Wilderness your church family. We find that through sharing life together as the Body of Christ, we are made whole and renewed daily. Talk to an usher or member of the clergy about joining this parish, or you are welcome to simply fill out a card in your pew and put it in the offering plate. We welcome you!

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY TO OUR CHURCH

| | September 19, 2021 | | September 26, 2021 | |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|------------------|
| | 8:45 | 11:00 | 8:45 | 11:00 |
| Lay Readers | Sandra Jeffery | Bill Taylor | Dick Zecher | Mark Delk |
| Ushers | Greg Newbold | John Knapp | Clint Adams | Hilton Swing |
| | Clint Adams | Sandy Gulbrandsen | Jim Spry | Tom Savage |
| Greeters | Judy Petersen | Vickie Taylor | Dottie Dalzell | Susan Rex |
| | Patrice German | Jan Knapp | Bonni Spry | |
| Cart Driver | Jim Olson | Nancy Cooper | George Grzenda | Mike Covell |
| Coffee Hour | Ruth & Dale Kern | Vickie & Bill Taylor | Marisa, Jasmine, | Anita & Hal Reid |
| Eucharistic Visitors | Dick Zecher, Ginger Quarles | | & Danielle Pharr | |
| Altar Guild | Robin Howe, Cathryn Harrell, Sharon Johnston, Vickie & Bill Taylor | | Carol & Gibson Sims, Beth Melton, Brenda Hillyer | |
| Opening Gatekeeper | BJ McKee, George Grzenda | | BJ McKee, George Grzenda | |
| Closing Gatekeeper | Dick Zecher | | Dick Zecher | |
| Flower Guild | Catherine Richardson | | Carol Sims | |

Stewardship 2022: *Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*

Join us in celebrating the mission and ministry of St. John in the Wilderness as a community living into grace-filled traditions for a new day!

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2022 and turn in your pledge by October 10, 2021.

Important Dates to Remember for *Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*

Sept. 8 - Stewardship mailers are on the way

Please pledge by mail or online over the next few weeks. Let us know if you do not receive our mailer.

Take home a blue United Thank Offering box in early September.

Oct. 3 - Parish Breakfast and Ministry Fair

Join us for worship and breakfast to see all of the ways St. John serves Christ.

Oct. 10 - The Blessing of the Pledges & UTO Boxes
Parish Festival this afternoon

We will bless our pledges and UTO boxes at both services this morning. Put your pledge in the offering plate this day if you have not pledged already and bring your blue UTO box to this service. Join us this afternoon at Falling Creek for a fun parish festival.

Thank you for sharing God's gifts with this church family!

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Worship Services 8:45 & 11:00am

Children's Sunday School: 10:00am (during school year only)/Adult Sunday School: 10:00am

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service – Wednesdays 10:30am in the Parish Hall Office Hours- 8:30am-3:30pm M-F

In case of pastoral emergencies:

Please call the Church Office and ask for the Rector. After hours, call the Church Office and press 3.

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Terry Enslin
Marie Hyder
Gibson Sims
Dick Zecher

2023

John Barker
Elizabeth Christenbury
Jennifer Shelton
Lynn Wiescholek

PARISH OFFICERS

Margaret Barker, Clerk of the Vestry

Tom Griswold, Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Robin Howe

By Laws, Canons & Insurance: Jim Olson

Christian Formation: Mary Anne Inglis

Communications & Publicity: Joey Popp

Finance: Susan MacDonald

Historic Churchyard Committee: Ken Jones

**Community Engagement, Evangelism, and Newcomers
(CEEN):** Brenda Hillyer, Judy Petersen

Outreach:

Personnel: Margaret Barker

Stewardship: David Christenbury

OTHER COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES

Acolytes: Lynn Savage

Altar Guild: Kathy Newbold, Cathryn Harrell

Chefs of St. John: Jim Vint

Churchyard Trustees: Pete Petersen

Docents: E.R. Haire, Jr.

Endowment Trustees: Tom Griswold

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Eucharistic Visitors: Dick Zecher

Flower Guild: Bay Chamberlain

Flower Memorials: Gaston Motes

Funeral Reception Ministry: Brenda Hillyer

Garden Guild: Jerry & Jan Tanner

Gatekeepers: Dick Zecher

Greeters: Betsy Tibbs

Heritage, Archives & Gift Committee: John Barker

Lay Readers: Susan MacDonald

Meal Ministry: Bess Tarkington Lee

Needle Work Ministry: Judy Petersen

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