

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

**Processional Hymn: B #384**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us a new and  
living way into your presence. Give us  
pure hearts and constant wills to  
worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19**

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward  
Haran. He came to a certain place and  
stayed there for the night, because the  
sun had set. Taking one of the stones of  
the place, he put it under his head and  
lay down in that place. And he dreamed  
that there was a ladder set up on the  
earth, the top of it reaching to heaven;  
and the angels of God were ascending  
and descending on it. And the Lord

stood beside him and said, "I am the  
Lord, the God of Abraham your father  
and the God of Isaac; the land on which  
you lie I will give to you and to your  
offspring; and your offspring shall be  
like the dust of the earth, and you shall  
spread abroad to the west and to the  
east and to the north and to the south;  
and all the families of the earth shall be  
blessed in you and in your offspring.

Know that I am with you and will keep  
you wherever you go, and will bring you  
back to this land; for I will not leave you  
until I have done what I have promised  
you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep  
and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place  
- and I did not know it!" And he was  
afraid, and said, "How awesome is this  
place! This is none other than the house  
of God, and this is the gate of heaven."  
So Jacob rose early in the morning, and  
he took the stone that he had put under  
his head and set it up for a pillar and  
poured oil on the top of it. He called  
that place Bethel.

**Psalm 139**

Tune: St. Flavian

Lord, you have searched me out and  
known all that your hands have  
wrought; My rising up and sitting down,  
you know my every thought.

You trace my journeys and my rests, and everything I do; There is no word upon my lips which is not known to you.

Behind, before, you press on me and on me lay your hand; such knowledge is too wonderful for me to understand.

Then from your Spirit or your face, where can I flee or go? In heaven above I find you there, and in the grave also.

If I should take the wings of dawn and reach the farthest sea, yet even there your hand holds fast, your right hand still leads me.

If I say, "Surely darkness hides, and light will turn to night," the darkness is not dark, to you both day and night are bright.

<b>Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25</b>
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So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of

adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Gradual Hymn: B #262** vs. 1 & 2  
before the gospel, vs. 3 & 4 after the  
gospel

**Gospel Reading: Mt 13:24-30, 36-43**

Jesus put before them another parable:  
"The kingdom of heaven may be  
compared to someone who sowed good  
seed in his field; but while everybody  
was asleep, an enemy came and sowed  
weeds among the wheat, and then went  
away. So when the plants came up and  
bore grain, then the weeds appeared as  
well. And the slaves of the householder  
came and said to him, 'Master, did you  
not sow good seed in your field? Where,  
then, did these weeds come from?' He  
answered, 'An enemy has done this.'  
The slaves said to him, 'Then do you  
want us to go and gather them?' But he  
replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds  
you would uproot the wheat along with  
them. Let both of them grow together  
until the harvest; and at harvest time I  
will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds  
first and bind them in bundles to be  
burned, but gather the wheat into my  
barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and  
went into the house. And his disciples  
approached him, saying, "Explain to us  
the parable of the weeds of the field."  
He answered, "The one who sows the

good seed is the Son of Man; the field is  
the world, and the good seed are the  
children of the kingdom; the weeds are  
the children of the evil one, and the  
enemy who sowed them is the devil; the  
harvest is the end of the age, and the  
reapers are angels. Just as the weeds  
are collected and burned up with fire, so  
will it be at the end of the age. The Son  
of Man will send his angels, and they  
will collect out of his kingdom all causes  
of sin and all evildoers, and they will  
throw them into the furnace of fire,  
where there will be weeping and  
gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous  
will shine like the sun in the kingdom of  
their Father. Let anyone with ears  
listen!"

**Offertory Hymn: B #631**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

O God, accept our praise and  
thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to  
offer ourselves as a true and living  
sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

**After Communion: B #74**

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SERMON NOTES:**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS for July 23,  
MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON  
7:15PM**

A year long journey using Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together to explore Jesus' teachings.

**Bible Study is taking a break for the summer and will reconvene on September 11 at 7:15 p.m. We will be discussing Chapter 38, "Deliver Us".**

**PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM**

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

**ONLINE FORM FOR ACCESSIBILITY  
PRIORITIES**



Thanks to Laura Porter, an online form listing identified accessibility concerns at St. John's has been posted. Please take

time to review the document and vote for those items of greatest interest to you. Please access our website at [www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com](http://www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com). Or, please use the QR code.

**Accessibility Survey**

Our Church's Accessibility Committee has asked folks to please complete the

Accessibility Survey, if you haven't already done so. There is an online version (see announcement above), and the hard copy is available for pick up at the rear and North entrances. Please return them by July 23, 2023. Thank you very much!

**What is Cursillo?**

Cursillo is a short retreat which helps our spiritual growth with God. The weekend, from Friday at noon to Sunday afternoon, includes inspiring talks, wonderful music and concentrated prayer time – all around a chosen theme for the weekend. There are several cursillistas (folks whom have attended a Cursillo weekend) right here at St. John's. The weekend helped us grow stronger in our relationship with our Lord. So, this September 22 – 24, 2023, there will be a Women's Cursillo Weekend held at Galilee Centre in Arnprior. If you might be interested or have any questions at all, please contact Trish Warren (613) 206-1405 or Kathy Porter (613) 283-7605.

**Prayer List**

A new Prayer List for August is presently being prepared. As previously announced, the Prayer List for the Parish and Friends of the Parish will be updated each month. The names from the previous month will be removed, giving thanks to God for his answers to prayer. If you know of any person you would like to be prayed for by the congregation, please inform the office by Wednesday, July 26, 2023; (63) 283-1261.

## **For today's service:**

**Presiding Celebrant & Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

**Reader & Intercessor:** Cindy Penman

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## Weekly Liturgies

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.\* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.

*\*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June*

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