

August 24, 2025

9:30 AM

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Baptisms

Paragraph for bulletin cover:

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Image for bulletin cover:



+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Adagio, (from Organ Symphony no. 2 in D Major) - Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love

We begin our worship in the name of
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.

We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN ELW 617

We come to You for Healing, Lord

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 860

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,
Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,
sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Listening God, hear our prayers as we come before you. Hear the ones who are crying with pain in their heart. Hear the ones who are weeping with grief long into the night. Hear the ones who are sobbing in their loneliness. Loving God, heal their pain. Restore their lives. Mend their broken hearts. Leading God, lead us through the dark valleys. Lead us through troublesome times. Lead us to our home with you. Teach us to listen to your voice, that we may hear the cry of the needy and respond. Teach us to love that we may offer care that brings others to you for healing. Teach us to lead, with your vision so that we lead others home in you. **Amen**

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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BAPTISM HYMN ELW 732

Borning Cry

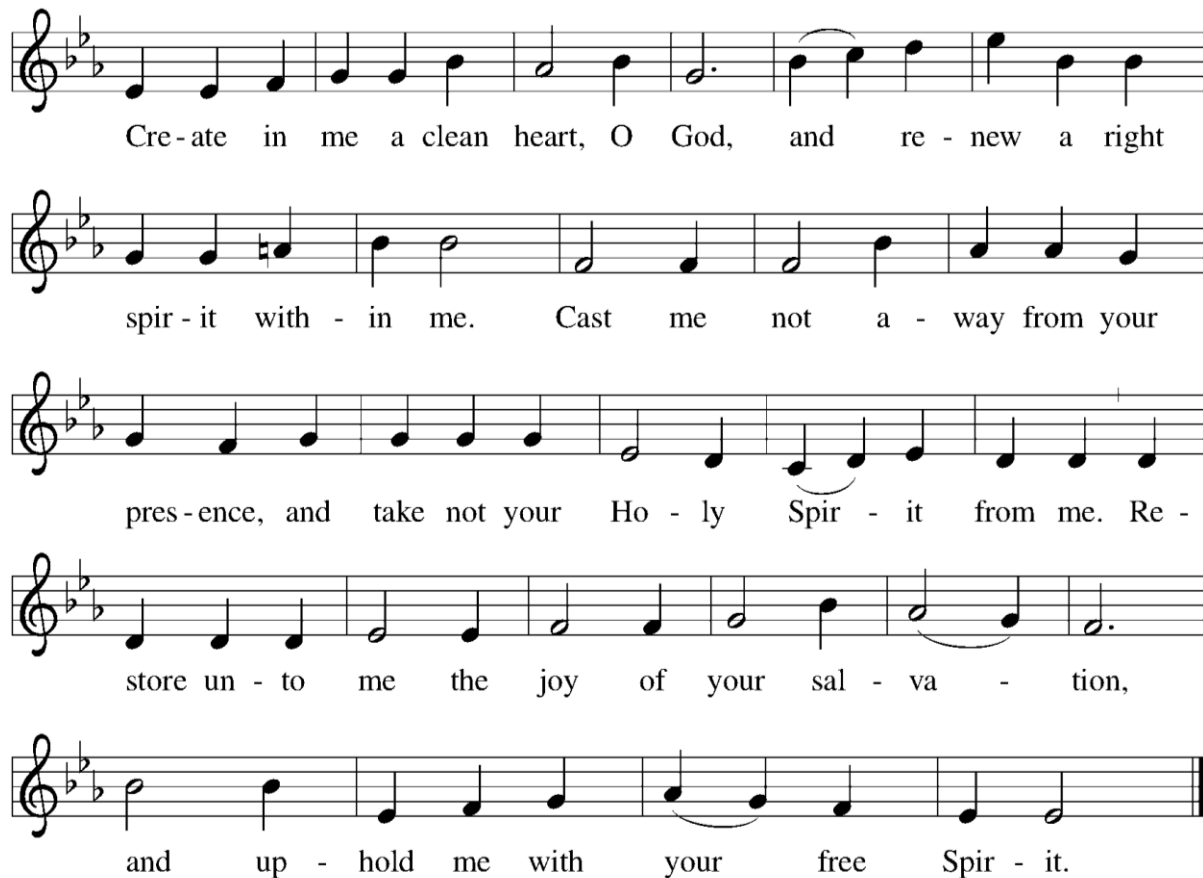
OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Zion's Walls - setting by Aaron Copland

Kevin Schanely, tenor

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Unshakable and Holy God, we bring these gifts before you, not as mere offerings, but as acts of faith in your unshakable kingdom. Though the world around us trembles, we trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy, bringing hope to the broken and light to the weary. With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves alongside these gifts, that we may be signs of your grace in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the words:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

+ SENDING +
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Go now in the blessing of God's love that cannot be shaken,
trusting in God's promises as you work for a world
of justice and mercy for all. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 625

We're Marching to Zion

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in D Major - David N. Johnson

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Today we are celebrating the baptism of Ezra Scott McHale and Oliver Frank McHale. They are the sons of John and Liz (Allebach) McHale.

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ruthie Jadick, Ed Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Joe Tursi, the Stauffer family, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Linda Lysoby, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Paige Seasock, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Sonny Carson, Katie Knowles, Fred Swavely, Kevin Eagle and Marie Wolfe.

Monday, August 225	7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal 7:30pm Executive meeting
Tuesday, August 26	7:30pm Leadership Gathering on Zoom
Saturday, August 30	9-12 Sanctuary and Fellowship hall rental
Sunday, August 31	9am Indoor Worship at St. Mark's Lutheran, Pennsbu 10:30am Outdoor Worship at New Goshenhoppen Park 618 3rd St., East Greenville Picnic to follow

Outdoor Worship at New Goshenhoppen Park on Sunday, August 31st at 10:30 AM. Bring a lawn chair and a side dish or dessert to share at the picnic that follows the join worship service. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. This is also the hair color reveal following the Stop Hunger Challenge.

Order your Hoagie by September 8th. Sign up outside PB's office or contact Elaine Keller at elaineakeller@comcast.net or 215-262-5366 by September 8th. Pick up for these will be on Thursday, September 18th.

The Program Newsletter is in production! Please submit any articles that you would like included in this upcoming newsletter submit it to the church office no later that Monday, September 1st.

Join the Choir! Choir Rehearsal returns for the fall on Thursday, September 4th at 7pm. Come out and join the fun.

Bring your Grandparent to Church Sunday Sunday, September 7 – 9:30 AM

September 7 is Grandparents day – so bring your grandparents (or grandparents can bring their grandchildren) to church! After worship, enjoy some special fellowship time with refreshments and an easy craft activity. All are welcome!

Sunday School Kick-Off Sunday, September 14th

Sunday school starts at 9 AM followed by worship at 10:15 AM

Picture your Cross On Sunday, September 14th we will be celebrating Holy Cross Sunday and we plan to run a slide show with pictures of crosses that are meaningful to you. Please take a photo of that cross and send it to the church office no later than Monday, September 8th to be included.

The Bishop is Coming!

Save the date and join us for worship

Sunday, September 21st at 10:15 AM

Worship will be followed by a catered luncheon – come on out and get to know our new SEPA Synod Bishop, the Rev. Bryan Penman. If you plan to join us for lunch, Please RSVP online or sign up outside of Pastor Becky's office.

St. John's Online Photo Directory Coming Soon!

St. John's is launching an online member directory!

Each member/family will be able to create an account and add a photo.

Don't worry, if you don't have a photo, we will take your picture!

If you don't have access to a computer or a smartphone, we will add your photo!



**Photo Directory at
Your Fingertips!**

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!



Get your picture taken any Sunday in September, there will be someone available to take individual and family



*The Reformed churches of the
Upper Perkiomen Valley invite you!*

END OF SUMMER

Outdoor Worship and Picnic

Sunday, August 31
Worship at 10:30 AM

Worship and picnic will be held,
weather permitting,
at New Goshenhoppen Park,
618 3rd Street, East Greenville

Bring lawn chairs and a side dish
or dessert to share.
Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks
will be provided.

An indoor worship service will be held at 9 AM
at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg
and will be available online as well.



FALL 2025
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN & FRIEDENS UCC
JOIN TOGETHER FOR

SOUP & STUDY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Mondays from 5:30PM to 7PM
September 22 - November 10
at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

We will enjoy a simple soup supper
and then discuss the book,
**Appreciate These Things:
Eight Ways of Cultivating
Compassion by Jill J. Duffield**

**Please see Pastor Stephanie or
Pastor Becky to purchase a book**



Questions? Reach out to
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