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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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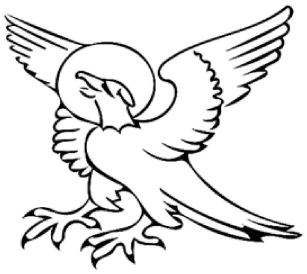

Sung Eucharist ~ 10 a.m.
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation

Sept 7th, 2025

Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.

Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.

Today's service can be found on page 185 of the green Book of Alternative Services (BAS) located in the pew-back in front of you.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude – "*Where Everybody Knows Your Name*" (Portnoy, Hart-Angelo)

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn
445 – "God The Creator"
431 – "Take Up Your Cross"

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Children's Talk

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The Gloria

PRAISE
365 Glory to God on High

Sung as printed here.

Collect of the Day

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading — Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Psalm 139:1-9

Tune: 350 Blue Hymn

Book

1. Lord, you have known me well,
   Searched out all I have wrought,
   My sitting down and rising up,
   Discerned my every thought.

2. You trace each step, each rest,
   Along the way I go,
   There is no word upon my lips
   Which you, Lord, do not know.

3. You press on every side
   And on me lay your hand;
   Such knowledge is too wonderful
   For me to understand.

4. Where then, Lord, can I go?
   Where can I flee from you?
   If up to heaven, you are there;
   If in the grave, there too.

5. If on the morning's wings
   I reach the utmost shore,
   Yet even there your hand will lead
   And hold me evermore.

Second Reading — Philemon 1-21

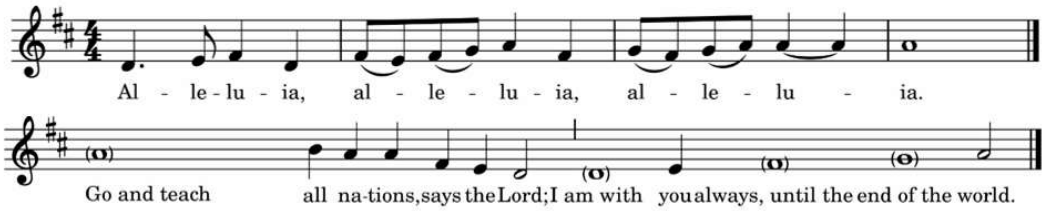
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear

of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28 by Owen Alstott, OCP, 1990.



Holy Gospel — Luke 14:25-33

Gospeller: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed p. 188

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace p. 192

People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn **403 – "Let All Things Now Living"**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3 **p. 198**

Sanctus *(sung)*

Acclamation

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come;
Your will be done
On earth, as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours;
Now and forever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread 4 p. 212

Celebrant: I am the bread, which has come down from heaven, says the Lord
All: Give us this bread forever

Celebrant: 'I am the vine, you are the branches'
All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us

Communion

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Hymns during Communion

386 – *"When I Survey", 435 –"Take My Life"*

Hymn after Communion **74 – "For the Bread"**

Prayer after Communion

Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology **p. 214**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn **602 – "Lift High The Cross"**

Dismissal

Postlude – *"Arioso"* (Handel)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU, WELCOME, AND WHAT'S NEXT
On **Sunday, September 14th**, following the 10am service, we will be hosting a celebration and discussion. We will be giving thanks to God for the wonderful way in which Sterling has been supporting our music ministry this year. We will be giving thanks to God for the new music ministry support from Wendy Earl who will be joining us as our organist beginning the first Sunday of September. And finally, we will be continuing the discussion about the health of our current organ, and some of the options we might have in response.

BOOKS FOR SALE
We have copies of the A Talk to St. John the Evangelist Church" history book, as well as copies of the cookbook "Feeding the Flock" available for purchase. The history book is **$6** and the cookbook is **$15**. These books are located at the north entrance, Canterbury Room, and office. Envelopes are available for your payment on the tables at all entrances. Please keep in mind that the cookbook would be a great source of recipes to be used for our Harvest Thanksgiving Feast contribution that we will be holding on Saturday, November 15th.

MUSIC SERIES, PART I – St. John's will host the first of two, fall, music concerts on **Saturday, October 4th at 7pm**. Stephen Palmer will perform original and traditional folk songs interspersed with gospel sing-alongs. Steve has toured extensively, produced 5 albums, and has been inducted into the Edmonton Music Hall of Fame. Tickets are $20 in advance from the church office or Karen Bryan and will be available for $25 at the door. Free admission for children under 13 years of age! Please join us for this joyful, family-friendly event. A portion of the proceeds will go towards our organ replacement fund. Light refreshments at a nominal cost (because it's a fundraiser!) will be available. For further information, contact Karen Bryan or Trish Warren.

CHANGES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
This year, Sunday School will be called **4DFaith Kids**. With a new name, and a fresh spin on encouraging children to delight in their faith, devotion,

discernment, and discipleship. We will begin on **September 7th** at the 10am service. **Please arrive for 9.30am** to register for the year, and to receive your information packs so that you can know more about the plan for the year, and some changes being made to the way we do things.

GAMES NIGHT– Oct 3rd at 5:30pm
Everyone welcome! We will start with enjoying a meal together at 5:30pm, and after that we will bring out the games. All are welcome to come for the meal or games or both! Main course will be provided - food contributions are always welcome. There is a free-will offering available to cover the cost of the food. Bring your friends and family and bring your favourite games to share. There will be a few games provided for anyone to play. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Porter at: Lporter1295@gmail.com.

FALL BAZAAR
Our Fall Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, between 11am to 2pm. Your donations for the Bazaar can be dropped off at the Church Hall, starting the first week of September, during office hours. If you have any questions regarding your donations, please contact Louise Sherry at 613.284.1923, or email Louise at: *suntigersherry@gmail.com*.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING FEAST - Saturday, November 15th
We will be holding a Fall Harvest Potluck and Trivia Night! To make the night even more fun, we're inviting people to bring food they've cooked following recipes found in the St. John's Cookbook *Feeding the Flock* (available for purchase for $15 each). (Arrive 5pm to eat for 5.30-6. Trivia to follow!) If you're interested, please put your name down on the signup sheet in the Canterbury Room, or outside the church office.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THOMAS
Looking for a good time to catch Thomas in his office? Starting August 21st, Thomas is going to be available on Thursday afternoons from 1PM to 4PM for appointments or drop-in visits (other times by chance or appointment). Appointments can be booked for Thursday afternoons, through the church office, or you can drop in and, if he is available, have a chat. Emergencies do arise, so it is best to call before an impromptu visit, just to be sure he is in.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Greeters, Readers and Intercessors needed for both the 8 AM and 10 AM services. If you are able to help out with this vital and rewarding ministry, please let the office know, and Rev. Thomas will schedule a training day in early September 2025.

On behalf of the whole parish and their loving family, we want to extend our warmest congratulations to Don and Ann Hare on the event of their 57th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless them with peace, health, and love for many years to come.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Communion Assistants: Chris Elmsley/Donna Howard
Reader/Intercessor: Andrew Howard
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Altar Guild: Ruth Andersen & Jessica Coughlan
Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Sept 7, 2025 ~
JER 18:1-11; PSALM 139:1-5,12-17; PHILEM 1-21; LUKE 14:25-33

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Thursday 1 – 4 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

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

The Most Reverend Shane A. D. Parker – Bishop & Primate

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