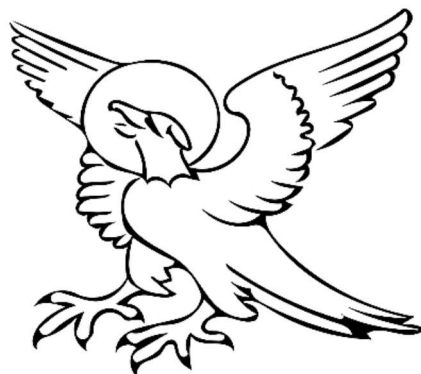


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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

June 21st, 2026

Outdoor Celebration and BBQ! – 10:00 am

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.



Community Celebration

The Heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. *Psalm 19:1*

Pre-service music:

This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the
Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has
made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day,
When He rose again, when He rose
again.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when He rose again.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
When He rose again.

This is the day, this is the day,
When the Spirit came, when the
Spirit came.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit
came.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
When the Spirit came.

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Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

(Wendell Kimbrough)

We were wan-d'ring in the desert
with our souls so starved and
weak.

We were hungry for a homeland we
did not know how to seek,
But we lifted up our voices to the
only One who hears
And the God of mercy came and
brought us near.

We were locked out of the garden
and our backs bent down with
pain.

In the shadow of death's darkness
we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labour to
the only One who hears
And the God of mercy wiped away
our tears.

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Chorus:

Oh give thanks to the Lord for His
love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost and
our Father brought us home
To a safe dwelling place, to a feast
of joy and laughter.
Oh give thanks to the Lord for He
is good.

We were fools in our rebellion with
our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to
the death we should have died.
Then He heard of our condition and
He called us by our names

And the God of glory took away our
shame.

Chorus

We were far out on the ocean
making wealth and chasing
dreams.

But the waves of great destruction
brought us trembling to our knees
And we cried like drunken sailors to
the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took away
our fears.

Chorus: x2

Oh give thanks to the Lord for He
is good.

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I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with
sin.

I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in
the night.

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Chorus:

I saw the light, I saw the light.
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in
sight.

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Just like a blind man, I wandered
along.

Worries and fears I claimed for my
own.

Then like the blind man that God
gave back his sight.

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Chorus

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow's the
way.

Now I have traded the wrong for the
right.

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

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Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lord God, you are our creator. You love us and want to walk with us on every journey and in every relationship. Sometimes we have said no to you.

We are sorry, forgive us.

Sometimes we have hurt people.

We are sorry, forgive us.

Sometimes we have been hurt by others.

We forgive them.

Walk with us as today we turn to Jesus and look for the signs of your kingdom. Bring healing, forgiveness, mercy, and grace to all your children.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak but Thou art strong.
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee.
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but
Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee.
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee.
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus.
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will
follow.
Though none go with me, still I will
follow.
Though none go with me, still I will
follow.
No turning back, no turning back.

The cross before me, the world
behind me.
The cross before me, the world
behind me.
The cross before me, the world
behind me.
No turning back, no turning back.

Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely
follow.
Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely
follow.
Where Jesus leads me, I'll surely
follow.
No turning back, no turning back.

Sing glory, glory, and hallelujah.
Sing glory, glory, and hallelujah.
Sing glory, glory, and hallelujah.
No turning back, no turning back.

Hearing the Good News

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

Amen.

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory
of God;

and the firmament proclaims
his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares
knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there
words;

their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through
all the earth,
and their words to the end of
the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent
for the sun,
which comes out like a
bridegroom from his wedding
canopy,

and like a strong man runs its
course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the
heavens,

and its circuit to the end of
them;
and nothing is hidden from its
heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,

rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is
clear,
enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;

the ordinances of the Lord are
true

and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than
gold,

even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the
honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant
warned;

in keeping them there is great
reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from
the insolent;

do not let them have dominion
over me.

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great
transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer.

Gospel

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to Thee, O Christ

Sermon

Prayers

As I Went Down in the River to Pray

Chorus:

As I went down in the river to
pray,
Studying about that good ol'
way,
And who shall wear the starry
crown?
Good Lord, show me the way!

Oh sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down.
Oh sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray.

Chorus

Oh brothers....

Chorus

Oh sinners....

Chorus

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10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your hold name

The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever
lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening
comes

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow
to anger
Your name is great and Your heart
is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep
on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart
to find.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength
is failing
The end draws near and my time
has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise
unending

Ten thousand years and then
forevermore

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
Yes, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your hold name

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Dismissal

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine up on you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.

A-men A-men A-men
A-men A-men A-men

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine up on you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.

A-men A-men A-men
A-men A-men A-men

May his favour be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children
May His presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you, He is with you.
In the morning, in the evening

In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you.

A-men A-men A-men
A-men A-men A-men

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It Is Good to Give Thanks

(Psalm 92) *Caroline Cobb Smith and
Wendell Kimbrough*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

To make music in His name and to sing a song of praise.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

We will sing of His love in the morning

And His faithfulness in the night.

On guitar and on the keys, blow the horn and play the strings.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Chorus:

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, bang the drum, come on and sing!

Tell the world of His great love.
It is good to give thanks to the
Lord.

We are here to give thanks to
the Lord.

We are here to give thanks to
the Lord.

We are lifting up our hearts, all
we have and all we are,
'Cause it is good to give thanks
to the Lord.

Chorus

He has made us glad. **x6**

Chorus

It is good to give thanks to the
Lord. **x2**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to St. John's wonderful parishioners for supporting "**The Great Spring Sing!**". Countless hands and voices contributed to the success of this uplifting, ecumenical event. As "icing on the cake", the Smiths Falls Community Foodbank received a **\$1,275** boost plus goods. Cheers!

St. John's Summer Potluck – Mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 25 at 5:00 pm**, and join us in the Upper Hall for an evening of food, laughter, and fellowship!

Bring a favourite dish to share and enjoy a relaxed summer gathering with your church family. We especially encourage you to **invite a friend, neighbour, or family member**—there's always room for one more around the table.

If the weather is nice, we'll have lawn games on the front lawn. Inside, table games and conversation will be waiting for those who prefer to stay indoors.

Come hungry and come prepared to enjoy a wonderful evening together!

Questions? Please speak with Laura Porter or Brenda Ferguson.

****One small potluck note:** *Our kitchen has limited supplies, so please bring any serving utensils your dish may need.* **

Restrictions for use of Back Parking Lot – For the foreseeable future, only those with mobility issues will have access to the back parking lot for the 10am service. Thank you for your consideration and kindness ensuring that those who need that access will have it.

Baptisms! This summer, we have two baptisms scheduled. On Sunday, July 19th and on Sunday, August 2nd. If anyone in your family is hoping to be baptised, and one of those two dates can work for them, please have them contact Thomas by **Sunday, June 28th**.

Chancel Update: Work began on **Monday, June 15th**, to create a level floor in the chancel and lower the altar to a single raised platform. During this time the old organ will be removed and the new organ will be installed shortly afterward. The new flooring, solid prefinished hardwood and carpet (claret), will take approximately 6 weeks from order to come in, so we will tread on subflooring until installation is complete. A bin will be in place in the parking lot to hold the waste created during the demolition and remodelling.

Hall Basement: Work commenced **June 15th**. Parking in the back lot will be limited due to the presence of a large self-contained bin in the parking lot. The basement will be sealed off from the upper level and no access allowed. Air quality will be maintained and verified throughout the work, including final third-party clearance testing upon completion. This job is expected to take most of the summer to complete.

Calling all Piano Players! The music ministry committee would like to invite all piano players in the congregation to join the music team for the summer! While we are looking for a new organist, we want to give our own talented folks a chance to support and lead worship. If you'd like to play our wonderful baby grand, whether its as little as one song or hymn on a Sunday, or as much as a whole service, you are welcome! Please contact Thomas, Karen Bryan, or Trish Warren for more information.

Spiritual Care for the Caregiver: This July, join us for four weeks to grow in your understanding and skills with prayer. "Spiritual Care for the Caregiver" is a 4-week series to grow in our capacity and flexibility in prayer. Initially designed for those who carry a heavy burden of care for other people in their lives, this series is just as helpful for those who simply want to grow in their ability and effectiveness in prayer and spiritual care. There will be daytime and evening sessions: *4 Tuesdays at 5.30pm (bring an after-work snack or bagged dinner!) starting July 7th; or 4 Wednesdays at noon (bring a bag lunch!) starting July 8th, in the Church Hall.*

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Greeters: Ron Watt & Doreen Watt
Reader/Intercessor: Trish Warren
Server: Mike McCulloch
Communion Assistant: Karen Bryan
Readings for next Sunday, June 28, 2026 ~
Gen 22:1-14; Ps 13; Rom 6:12-23; Mt 10:40-42

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*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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