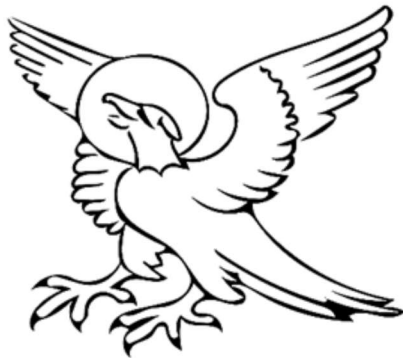


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Holy Baptism & Sung
Eucharist ~ **10am**

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July 19th, 2026

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

During the summer months, children are welcome to use our colouring tables or they can play in the Hall if SUPERVISED by their family.

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn:

106 – *"There's a Voice in the Wilderness"*

Greeting

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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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-

19a

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 139:1-11 (*responsive*)

REFRAIN: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

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. – **R**

You trace my journeys and my rests,
And everything I do;
There is no a word upon my lips
Which is not known to you. – **R**
Behind, before, you press on me
And on me lay your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful
For me to understand. – **R**

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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. – **R**

If I should take the wings of dawn
And reach the furthest sea,
Yet even there your hand holds fast,
Your right hand still leads me. – **R**

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. – **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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!"

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

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The Peace (*please stand*)

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn – Beginnings: (*see insert*)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Sanctus

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All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,

**God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosannas in the highest.**

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The Lord's Prayer (*said*)

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Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
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, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread 8

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Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.,

All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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 – Beginnings: (see insert)

"Baptized in Water"

"Living Waters"

"The River"

Prayer after Communion

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.

Doxology

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The Blessing

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Recessional Hymn – Beginnings (see insert) *"Be Thou My Vision"*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth into the world,
Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Coverage: Please note that although Laura Savage will be out of the office from ***Monday, July 20th and returning Tuesday, August 4th***, there will be coverage during her absence.

Pray K7A – Our next meeting will be held on ***Sunday, July 26th, 2026, at 7pm***, hosted by the Independent Assemblies of God, 54 William Street West. Join us for an evening of fellowship, as we pray God's blessing, healing, forgiveness, and the joy of the Gospel on Smiths Falls and the surrounding areas.

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 10 AM service. Thank you for your consideration and kindness ensuring that those who need that access will have it.

Chancel Update: Work continues in the church to create a level floor in the chancel and lower the altar to a single raised platform. We have had the old organ removed and the new organ installed. The new flooring, solid prefinished hardwood and carpet (claret), is on order, so we will tread on subflooring until installation is complete. A bin is in place in the parking lot to hold the waste created during the demolition and remodelling. Sorry for the disruption.

Hall Basement: Work commenced ***June 15th***. Parking in the back lot will continue to 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.

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Spiritual Care for the Caregiver: This July, join us for four weeks to grow in our 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.

Smiths Falls Food Bank – Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. Please consider making a contribution, which will be collected after the third Sunday of each month, and delivered to the Food Bank. Please contact Deb Lewis for more info at 613.284.6111. Thank you for your support.

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Greeters: Linda Coleman & Gail Brennan
Reader/Intercessor: Trish Warren
Communion Assistant: Mike McCulloch
Server: Mike McCulloch
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, July 26, 2026 ~
GEN 29:15-28; PS 128; ROM 8:26-39; MT 13:31-33, 44-52

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