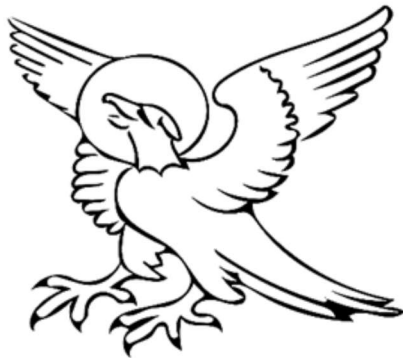


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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



***Tenth Sunday  
after Pentecost***

Holy Baptism & Sung  
Eucharist ~ **10am**  
Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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:

**565** – *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

## Greeting

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## Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
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 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 17:1-8 (*sung*)

*Tune: St. Thomas*

I plead my innocence;  
Give heed, Lord, to my cry  
And listen to my prayer which  
comes  
From lips that do not lie.

That you may see the right;  
I pray you, try and weigh my  
heart  
And search my soul at night.

Melt down my soul and see  
There is no wickedness;

Lord, vindicate me soon,

I heed the words you speak, O  
Lord,  
That I may not transgress.

I follow step by step  
The way that you command,  
And in the pathway that I walk  
You guide me by your hand.

I call upon you, Lord,  
For you will answer me;  
I pray that you will hear my  
words,  
Give ear, Lord, to my plea.

When enemies arise,  
O Savior, let me see  
Your loving-kindnesses again,  
Preserve me, set me free.

My Savior, keep me as  
The apple of your eye;  
Beneath the shadow of your  
wings  
In safety let me lie.

## **Second Reading**

## **Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred

according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Matthew 14:13-21**

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**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the

disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Sermon**

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**Hymn -** 104 - "May God Who Creates you" x2

**The Peace** p. 192

*People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

**Offertory Hymn -** 598 - "Go to the World"

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God our sustainer,

accept all we offer you this day,  
and feed us continually with that bread  
which satisfies all hunger,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**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.**

## 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) –**

***"Know You Are Loved"***  
***"Baptized in Water"***

**Congregation:**                    ***74 – "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"***

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of grace,  
we have shared in the mystery  
of the body and blood of Christ.  
May we who have tasted the bread of life  
live with you for ever.  
We ask this in the name of 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 –**

**70 - "I Feel The Winds of God"**

**Dismissal**

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

## **A Prayer for Thomas and Family**

Lord, we thank You for the blessing of the Brauer family – Thomas, Cheryl, Joshua, and Elsa- and for all they have done for our congregation, both seen and unseen.

We thank you for Thomas's faithful leadership, guidance, and direction as we have worked together to develop a vision for our church. We pray that You will continue to guide him and his family as they faithfully follow the path You have laid out before them.

Gracious God, as we begin the search for new leadership, we pray that You would prepare and send us the shepherd we need for this season. May they build upon the vision You have already been unfolding in our church while remaining firmly rooted in the truth of Your Word.

May they be, as St Paul says, 'hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined'(Titus 1:8-9). May they encourage the journey we have been on – loving our community, meeting people where they are, and faithfully leading us toward the people You are calling us to become.

Lord, we look back with gratitude on these past three years: for the growth we have experienced, the community we have built, and the love we have shared. We pray that You will send us a leader who will continue to nurture that growth, deepen our faith and equip us to follow Christ and share his light with those around us.

We ask You to watch over the Brauer family as they step into this new chapter. Surround them with Your peace and protection and lead them to a community where they find fellowship, encouragement, and opportunities to serve You.

Finally, Lord, we pray for St. John's as we endeavor to build fellowship within our community. Help us to be a living example of your welcoming love and allow us to support those who are looking for a light, and help them find it in you.

We ask all of this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, Amen.

Composed by: Jessica Coughlin



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 is progressing. Level flooring now exists as planned. 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:** Abatement of the Lower Hall, now truly a basement, is complete. The air was tested and found to be of no risk. We will have a structural engineering assessment done as well as a survey for designated substances to make sure all mould, asbestos and lead has been removed.

**Upper Hall Visioning:** On August 30<sup>th</sup>, following the 10 AM service, you will have an opportunity to share your ideas and opinions on what the Upper Hall should look like, who it should welcome and accommodate, and how it will function. This is your chance to influence the future of our hall.

### **Wednesday is a Double Bill Day!**

Come to the said Eucharist at 10 AM and feed on the food that does not perish, then stay for the Mid-Week Coffee Hour – every Wednesday at 11 AM, in the hall. Everyone welcome!

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Greeters: Ron and Doreen Watt  
Reader/Intercessor: Pat Lee  
Communion Assistant: Chris Elmsley  
Server: William Mackay  
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlin  
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett  
Readings for next Sunday, August 9, 2026 ~  
GEN 37:1-4, 12-28; PS 105:1-6, 16-22, 45c; ROM 10:5-15; MT 14:22-33

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am\* – Wednesdays 10am

\*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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