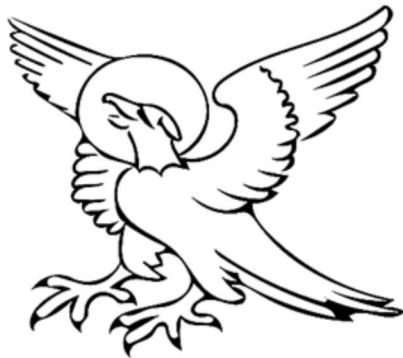


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10am

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July 26th, 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:

378 – "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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The Gloria

Sung as printed here.

PRAISE

365 Glory to God on High

1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, our heaven - ly King.
the sac - ri - fi - cial Lamb, who saves the world from sin.
You on - ly are the ho - ly one, Lord Je - sus Christ.

We give you praise, al - might - y God and
have mer - cy Lord. Be - side the Fa - ther's
And now you reign with Fa - ther and with

Fa - ther blessed in glo - ry bright.
hand en - throned, now hear our prayer.
Spir - it one in glo - rious light.

Collect of the Day

O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is

this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 128 (*sung*)

Tune: Richmond

Happy are they who fear the Lord
And in his pathways dwell,
For you shall eat the fruit you plant
And all things shall be well.

Your wife, then, like a fruitful vine
Within your house will be;
Your children round your table like
Shoots of an olive tree.

The man who fears the Lord shall thus
Be blessed in all his ways;
The Lord from Zion bless your now
And keep you all your days.

Yes, may you see Jerusalem
All prospering and well,
And may you see our children's heirs
And peace on Israel.

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you

understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn
Lord"

350 – "Stand Up and Bless the

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of grace,
accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sursum Corda (*sung*)

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 (*sung to the tune of Skye Boat Song*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.
Glory to You our God.

Blessed is He, Blessed are We, Blessed are all who come.
Hosannas ring, Archangels sing, Blessed are all who come.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.
Glory to You our God.

Anamnesis (*sung*)

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command.

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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, and the power, and the glory are yours;
Now and forever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread 1

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Celebrant: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *Sung as printed here.*

O lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, Have
mer - cy u - pon us. O us. O lamb of God that
ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

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:

46 – "Glorify Thy Name"

See insert – "Seek Ye First"

Anthem by Karen Bryan & Trish Warren – "Just As I Am"

Prayer after Communion

God of grace,
we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.
May your love, poured into us,
bring us to your promises.
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn –

461 – "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Dismissal

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

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 this evening, ***Sunday, July 26th, 2026, at 7pm***, hosted by the Independent Assemblies of God, 54 William Street West. Please 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 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: 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.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Reader/Intercessor: Andrew Howard
Communion Assistant: Kathy Porter
Server: Kevin Lewis
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Aug 2, 2026 ~
GEN 32:22-31; PS 17:1-7, 16; ROM 9:1-5; MT 14:13-21

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

*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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