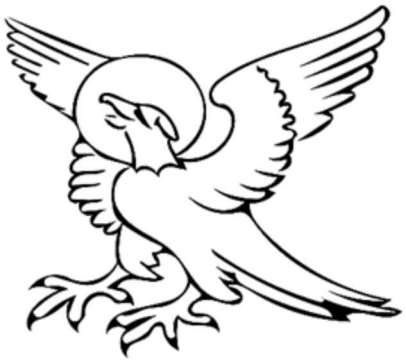
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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



Sung Eucharist ~ **10am**
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***Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Reign of Christ***

November 22nd, 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

**Announcements**

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**The Gloria**

*Sung as printed here.*



## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
**Amen.**

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus

says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 100

*Tune: Rockingham*

Serve God with gladness, all you lands,
And come before him with a song;
The Lord is God and we are his,
The sheep who in his field belong.

Go then into his courts with praise,
Give thanks and call upon his Name;
For God is good, his mercy sure,
His faithfulness always the same.

## Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn –** **349** ***– "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" - Verses 1 & 2 – Before Gospel***

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 25:31-46**

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

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the

righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**Hymn –** **349** ***– "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"***
- ***Verses 3 & 4 – After Gospel***

**Sermon**

**The Apostles' Creed** **p. 189**

**The Prayers of the People**

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**The Exchange of the Peace** **p. 192**

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

**Offertory Hymn** **505 – *"Be Thou My Vision"***

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer 2 p. 196

## 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.

## 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 2 p. 212

Celebrant: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**All:** **We, being many, are one body,**
**for we all share in the one bread.**

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



## 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 –

***85* – *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"***

***CHOIR Anthem – "The Lord's Prayer"***

## Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
**Amen.**

## Doxology p. 214

## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn – ***101 – "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"***

## Dismissal

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual Sounds of Christmas:** Please feel free to join the annual Sounds of Christmas being held ***this evening at 6.00pm***, **at Bethel Pentecostal Church**. A wonderful tradition will be celebrated, consisting of scripture reading and songs to be sung. It will be a time to bring the churches in the area together to celebrate Jesus' first coming. All are welcome!

**Food Bank Donations:** Collection baskets are located at the North and South doors of the Church, and will be collected and delivered to the Smiths Falls Foodbank after the third Sunday of each month. Any questions can be directed to Deb Lewis at 613.284.6111.

**Pray K7A:** As the fall continues, we're hoping for good weather on the last Sunday of November. As you know, Christians from across the Smiths Falls area gather to pray for the town, townships, and villages, to sing praise to God, and to encourage each other each month. This month, ***November 29th at 7.00 pm***, **we'll gather here at St John the Evangelist Church, 2 George Street South.** The plan is to meet at the church, and then share in a prayer walk through the town as we pray God's blessing, healing, forgiveness, and the joy of the Gospel on Smiths Falls. Please see Kathy Porter for details.

**Pastoral Care would like your help again:** Christmas is approaching and we would like to fill approximately 40 cookie boxes with your delicious cookies to give to our friends living in Van Horne, Broadview, Lombard Manor, Rosebridge, Perth Community Care, and Lanark Lifestyles, plus a few others living at home but find it difficult to get to Church.
Thanks to our outreach committee for the $2,000 which enables us to purchase Giant Tiger gift cards for those living at Shardon Manor, Victoria House and Bridge House.

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On ***Sunday, November 29th***, we will meet after the 10.00am service to fold out the cookie boxes and write personal notes in all 80 Christmas cards for the folks at Shardon Manor, Victoria House and Bridge House to let them know that God loves them and we do too. Then on ***Wednesday, December 9th,*** we will fill the cookie boxes to be delivered.
Thanks so much for all the cookies that you donate and the help with the cards!

**Advent Study:** Will be held weekly, ***on Mondays at noon*** in the church hall, ***starting November 30th***, and continue ***for four weeks, until December 21st***. It will run for one hour, from noon until 1.00pm. A light lunch of soup and either crackers, bread or biscuits will be served. We will consider the four themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The study will include a short video, bible passages, reflection and discussion. Please sign up on the sheets at the entranceways if you are interested in attending

**Chancel Update:** The work on our Chancel is progressing nicely. Carpet is still to be laid where we kneel at the communion rail and down the stairs to the Sacristy.
Railings have been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible. In the meantime, for safety considerations, we will receive communion on the floor of the nave.

**Games Night (First Friday of the month) –** Come on out to our next games night, being held ***Friday, December 4th.*** Our shared meal will start at **5.30pm** in the hall. We will enjoy some games and a craft after that. Bring your games and bring your friends!

**2027 Church Calendars:** Calendars are available in the office for sale, and are $7 each. Please contact Laura S in the office, if you would like one.

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Baxter Park
Greeters: Linda MacLaren & Faye Moore
Reader/Intercessor: Donna Howard
Communion Assistant: Pat Lee
Server: Wiliam Mackay
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan
Interim Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Nov 29, 2026 ~
IS 64:1-9; PS 80:1-7; 16-18; 1 COR 1:3-9; MK 13:24-37

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Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am* – Wednesdays 10am
*Sunday School offered at 10am from September – June

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